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Ministers axe plan to cut pollution

Road lobby kills green agenda for traffic

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

The Government has turned its back on a green agenda to reduce traffic and encourage more people to use public transport for fear of alienating motorists and the road lobby.

A range of targets to both reduce carbon-dioxide emissions and encourage people to use more environmentally friendly forms of transport such as cycling and walking have been kicked into touch by ministers who are preparing the Government's response to the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution's report, which was published 18

In Cabinet committee meetings which are finalising the response. Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman and former Secretary of State for Transport, insisted that any refconditioning element removed.

torists and the motoring lobby. The Government has al-ready committed itself to bringing down the overall level of carbon-dioxide emissions but the Royal Commission bad wanted ministers to set specific targets for emissions from vehicles, which is responsible for around one-quarter of the carbon dioxide produced in

The commission had also set out detailed recommendations Department of Transport's on reducing the proportion of urban journeys that are undertaken by car in an effort to im-



Mawhinney: Opposed setting 'green' targets

prove the air quality in towns. The Government has rejected this recommendation. but has agreed to collorse a target for cycling. However, min-isters have not yet decided to accept the recommendation that by 2005, 10 per cent of journeys in urban areas should be by cycle. The current total is 2.5 per cent.

The document, due to be published early next month, will also be used to set out the re-

Ministers have been anx ious not to be portrayed as anticar, but the document will effectively spell the end of the pro-roads policy that was set out in the 1989 White Paper "Roads to Prosperity", which led to the Government spending more than £2bn per year on new roads.

One senior Conservative source said: "We are moving away from the era of the megatransport policy which got us into so much trouble over the roads issue and resulted in a lot of money being wasted without solving the congestion problem. The document will be sensible. but unheroic, avoiding the previous approach of aring to find a unique solution for what is a

very complex have." needs some new roads, the idea cope with increasing traffic

will be abandoned. Transport policy has long been predicated on the notion that rising prosperity neces sarily leads to increased traffic growth, and the document will suggest ways of breaking that

A higher proportion of the dwindling hudget will be spent on public transport and "integrated" approaches to local transport will be encouraged although the word "integrated" has been banned from the document as baving socialist-style

"That was not going to go down well with Mr and Mrs average motorist", a well-placed source said, "and anyway, the technology is nowbere near available.

and technical problems.

Environmentalists will be deeply disappointed that the targets have been dropped. Stephen Joseph, the director of the pro-transport group Trans-port 2000, said: "There will be no real progress in reducing the environmental damage from transport unless clear targets are set at both the local and na-

sponse to the Government's transport debate initiated more than a year ago by Dr Mawhinney when he was Secretary of State for Transport

of huilding enough roads to

planning connotations. Government ministers bave also decided to reject the proposal, put forward by the Automobile Association and backed by Sir George Young. Secretary of State for Transport, that the roads should be privatised and motorists should pay tolls rather than a

Last week, the DoT admitted that trials on tolling technology had slipped behind schedule because of financing



Two boats competing in the Australian national surf lifesaving contest collide, throwing a 15-year-old crewmember of the boat on the left to his death. A sea carnival, of which the contest was a part, had gone ahead despite waves as high as 10ft being whipped up by Cyclone Bett along Queensland's Gold Coast.

Photograph: Reuters

Tories hide behind 'front' to raise cash

CHRIS BLACKHURST

stress that the country still | The Conservatives are using a secretive "front" organisation to tap the City and industry for cash in the run-up to the general election, arranging for potential donors to meet the Prime Minister and other senior

detailing its activities and invit-

Called The City and Indus-trial Liaison Council, the body is chaired by the leading husinessman, Sir Nigel Mobbs, and run by Major General Stuart Watson, a full-time Tory fundraiser. A copy of a letter from the Council earlier this month

News of the Council's activ-Ities will reopen the controversy about party political funding. It highlights the increasingly important role played by senior ministers and raises questions about preferential access for party hackers. Last night, John Prescott, the Labour Deputy Leader, wrote to the Prime Minister demanding to know what guidance ministers receive before attending party fund-raising events.

Mr Prescott said he was also

port from shareholders and the public. What will concern people in this instance, wrote Mr Prescott, is that "donations will not appear in company accounts as donations to the Con-

servative Party"... This is not the first time the Tories have used a shadowy, am-higuously-titled body to generate funds. A few years ago, party finances were channelled through private companies named after English rivers. The party has also used Aims for Industry and British United Inconcerned that by making a do-dustrialists to enlist support.

Conservative Central Office. filiations."-In the letter, Sir Nigel Mobbs writes: "The CILC arranges periodic meetings with the Prime Minister and other senior ministers..." The next meeting, he wrote, was to be with Mr Lang "by invitation of Arthur Andersen & Co", the giant ac-

consultancy firm, at its offices in central London. Last night, a spokesman for Arthur Andersen said the meeting with Mr Lang was "hosted by a partner rather than the firm." It was a private matter for

countancy and management

ing potential donors to meet Ian nation to the Council, rather Lang President of the Board of that to the party direct, a com-Trade, has been passed to the party can hide its political sup-

- Mr Lang, said Sir Nigel, would make a short opening statement and will then take part in questions and answers". The President of the Board of Trade would then stay on "to meet those present over a

Sir Nigel Mobbs' office said he was in Los Angeles on business and could not be contacted. A Tory Central Office spokesman said the party bad no comment to make about the

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Europe dashes hopes of lifting British beef ban

European ministers last night dashed hopes of the immediate lifting of the worldwide ban on the export of British beef after plans for 4.6 million cows to be destroyed met a cool reception from Britain's EU partners.

Douglas Hogg, the agriculture minister, was last night fighting to persuade European ministers at an emergency meeting in Loxemburg to lift the ban, but sources said it would be "weeks" before it would be ended, and would not be agreed until the European veterinary committee was satisfied. "We will lift the embargo when we have a total guarantee we have no risk," said Philippe Vasseur. the French agriculture minister.

were also resisting British de-mands for the EU to pay 80 per cent of the estimated £3.7bn cost of the six year slaughter programme. German sources argued for Britain to pay at least 30 per cent of the cost and the French dismissed Mr Hogg's demands as "unrealistic".
As the hard-bargaining con-

tinued late into the night, there were signs that the European ministers wanted a more radical plan for shughter of animals. Mr Hogg proposed killing and destroying all cows over 30 months, which were most at risk.

European ministers expressed fears that BSE could be in younger cattle and wanted cotire herds of productive dairy cattle slaughtered and the meat incinerated. That could be a dis-

Ministers are seeking new ways of identifying BSE in cat-tle in order to cull herds positively identified with BSE to cut down the costs of a slaughter programme. John Major, the Prime Minister, told the Commons Britain was looking at "novel ways of getting the right

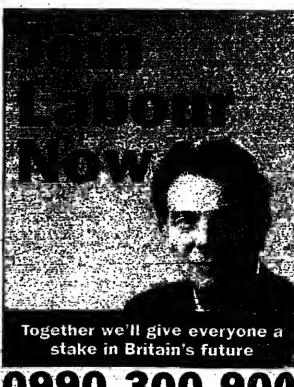
There was growing anger among Tury MPs last night at the refusal of the EU partners to agree to the lifting of the ban. The plan proposed by Britain entails the building of more incinerators to meet the workload. Some meat may have to be cold stored until it can be burned. About 15,000 such cattle are

slaughtered in Britain each week and their meat sold for low-grade food products such as aster for British farmers, unless they are fully compensated. hurgers, sausages or beef hyproducts. In future these cattle

British agriculture officials said yesterday this process would continue for between five and six years, to ensure the disease

had been removed At the rate of 15,000 cattle a week, a total of 780,000 cattle a year would have to go through incinerators, but there is only UK incinerator capacity to deal with a maximum of 3,000 a week. Over six years, the total number of British cattle incin-

erated could total 4,680,000. Mr Hogg pressed his Euro-pean partners to lift the ban as soon as possible. However, hopes that a deal might be reached yesterday dimmed. This is the biggest challenge to the common agricultural policy since its inception," said Franz Fischler, the Agriculture



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er has been used to kill cancer cells successfully.

Toddler's body found A body believed to be that of toddler John Bristow has been found in a ditch.

Soviet spy sued The Government is suing Soviet spy George Blake over bis book about Min.

Today's weather Dry with sunny spells after a condom.

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The British doctor on the re-

New male contraceptive is just the jab

REBECCA FOWLER

The male contraceptive "pill" has proved to be 99 per cent successful, a team of international scientists announced

In the course of two year trials, at 15 centres around the world, the contraceptive was tested on more than 400 men and it has been shown it to be as effective as the pill for women, and safer than using a

University, described it as a "hreakthrough" for the male contraceptive. He said: "It is very significant. It is really showing the world for the first time these contraces."

The European ministers

time that permanent contra-ception for men really works." For the men testing the contraceptive the only drawback is the form it comes in, a painful injection administered in the buttock each week. Further trials are already underway for longer-term injections com-

search team. Dr Fred Wu, a senior lecturer at Manchester es, which are expected to take this could be achieved without eight years to complete.

The contraceptive works by man's body into believing it has already produced adequate levels, because there is so much of the hormone in his system.

In previous tests the re-

searchers had already discov-

affecting their sex life. . The new tests have revealed secreting the male hormone that it could be effective in a furtestosterone into the body to re- ther 38.6% of men by reducing

duce his sperm count to a neg- the sperm count to a newly-disligible amount. It fools the covered crincal level. This had a failure rate of only 1.4 pregnancies in 100 couples.

Among the men who did not find success with the male contraceptive during trials was Kevin McQuaide, 41. He was ered that sperm counts in 60 per one of 29 volunteers at St cent of men could be reduced Mary's Hospital, Manchester,

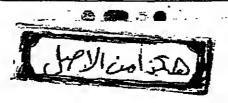
He received the weekly injection from September 1993 and by March 1994 his sperm count had dropped from 40m to 200,000. Doctors declared him infertile, only for his wife to discover she was pregnant seven

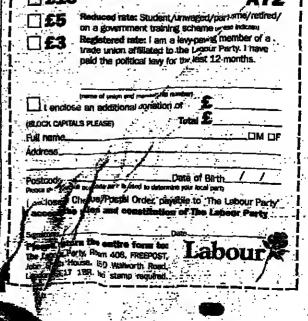


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G7 summit: Ministers head for clash with EU partners by insisting on flexible labour markets

Britain rejects social clauses for trade pacts

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor**

The UK was heading for a damaging split with its European partners at the jobs summit in Lille, northern France, last night after rejecting demands for social clauses in international trade agreements.
The dispute dashed hopes

that the meeting of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations would endorse the British emphasis on jobs flexibility as the solution to unemployment.

In a move that angered the French and Germans, William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and Gillian Shepherd, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, rejected demands for the introduction of minimum labour standards in international

Mr Waldegrave said: "There is a considerable danger of seeing protectionism creeping in through the back door through such dauses." Britain was backed by Canadian and Japanese delegates who see export growth as the best way to raise standards in poor countries.

However, the European Union's social affairs commissioner, Padraig Flynn, will today call on the ministers to stop ducking the question of whether developing countries gain an unfair advantage from exploiting their workforce.

Earlier the French President Jacques Chirac said in his opening address that so-called social causes in trade agreements were the only way to avoid protectionism.

The row echoes European concerns that Britain will gain additional competitive benefits from opting out of the EU's Social Chapter.

There were further confrontations between Britain and its partners over the need for ro-economic co-ordination. Mr Chirac said economic, and especially monetary, co-ordination would be on the agenda at the next G7 summit in June. Jacques Santer, President of

the European Commission, joined the attack. In a clear reference to the recent Franco-German plan for a second exchange rate mechanism for currencies outside the single European currency, to which Britain is firmly opposed, he said: "We must co-ordinate our policies to prevent beggar-thy-neighbour policies which simply move the problems from one country to another."

Britain also found itself isolated in its approach to tackling unemployment, Mrs Shepherd claimed deregulation had given Britain a hetter record of job creation than many of the other G7 countries. The perception of joh insecurity was not fully borne out by the evidence, she said, sailing close to a recent statement by the President of the Board of Trade, Ian Lang, that job insecurity was a "state

*Our record certainly is better than the other major European economies by far," Mrs Shepherd insisted. This was due to refusing to accept the hurdens of the Social Chapter and minimum wage, she argued.

"Pain has to accompany any kind of change or restructuring. We bad to face up to it," she said, agreeing that it would be economies to tackle inflexibil-

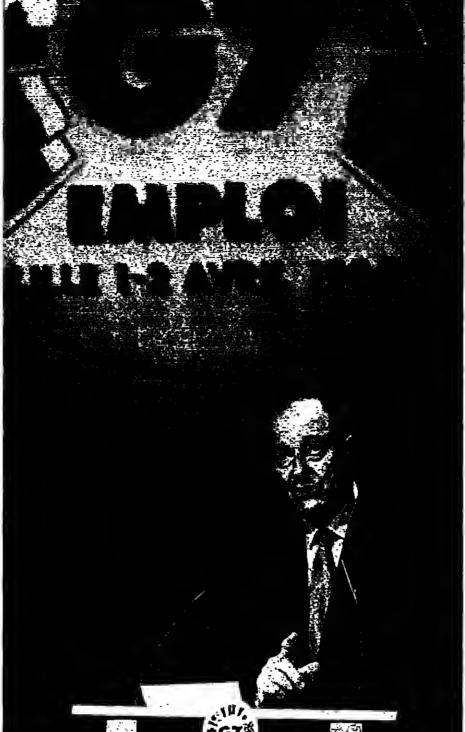
Mrs Shepherd emphasised the importance of facing up to change in the world economies. She backed an argument made by Joseph Stiglitz, chairman of the US Council of Economie Advisers. Mr Stiglitz told delegates that security of employ-ment had to give way to "security of employability". Workers needed to be equipped with the skills to cope with

The US is the only G7 country to have a more deregulated labour market than Britain But the Clinton administration is alarmed about the growing income inequality and crime.

Britain could learn from Continental methods of vocational training, Mrs Shepherd said yesterday, but there was no alternative to the UK strategy. The message for the creation of jobs is absolutely clear. You ave to have a strong economy. You have to reduce burdens on employers and you have to have a flexible labour market. Britain's G7 partners, especially the Germans, agreed that there was a role for structural reform of their labour markets. but they placed a much greater emphasis on social cohesion.

Mr Chirac said "crude types of flexibility" were an obstacle the creation of high quality johs. "We are deeply attached to our European social model, founded on social security in keeping with human dignity," he

The summit, which ends today, was billed as an opportunity to exchange ideas on how to cut unemployment in the world's richest countries from its current level of more than 22



Speaking out: French President Jacques Chirac at the G7 employment meeting in Life in which he said 'crude types of flexibility' were an obstacle to Jobs Photograph: Reuter

Police get new terror powers

Emergency legislation to meet police demands for greater powers to stop and search terrorist suspects is to be rushed through and onto the statute

Home Affairs Correspondent

books by Wednesday. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, yesterday told the Commons that the measures to be introduced through amendments to the 1974 Prevention of Terrorism Act -were urgently needed to counter the renewed IRA threat, following the Docklands fombing, which ended the ceasefire.

But the announcement was immediately condemned by some Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs, while justice and human rights groups warned against the dangers of sweeping through "ill-thought through" legislation. Parts of the 1974 Act have already been found by the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg to breach international conventions on

And Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of Northern Ireland's nationalist SDLP, described the move as "underhand in the ex-

He said ministers had not mentioned proposals to "railroad" new measures through the Commons when the Prevention of Terrorism Act was renewed last month.

"It shows complete contempt for parliamentary procedure... They have engineered a situation where important and farreaching powers will be introduced, affecting the communities in Britain as much as Northern Ireland, without any notice, analysis, consultation or amendment.

But Labour's front bench anxious to avoid attack from Mr Howard that it is soft on crime or terrorists - has already made clear it will not obstruct the

Prime Minister, agrees strongly

with Mr Clarke, he could emerge

as a mediator between him and the referendum pledge sup-porters, including Mr Major.

As some senior Cabinet min-

isters continued to express deep

incredulity at the idea that Mr

Clarke would push his objec-

tions to the point of resignation, one said the issue of whether the

Euro-sceptics would seek to

exploit a referendum by de-

not an issue of "principle but

Mr Rifkind's paper does not make recommendations but is

thought to lean towards the idea

of a referendum coming after

a Parliamentary decision endorsing a Cabinet decision.

inding more concessions was

IN BRIEI

Inquiry ordered into island cancer claims A health chief has been ordered to investigate claims that can-cer cases in the Western Isles of Scotland are linked to the Chernobyl disaster ten years ago. The inquiry was ordered by the isles' health board after the claims, revealed by the Indeby two doctors on Benbecula. It will be carried out by the area's Director of Public Health, Dr Mike George, after GPs Francis Tierney and Andrew Senior reported that 19 new cases of cancer had emerged on the island since 1994 when only six were expected. Dr George said there was no need for mass screening

and the type of cancer found. New refit for QE2

and no link between radiation

The QE2 is to enter dry dock overhaul ended with Cunard, the ship's owner, paying out £7.5m in compensation. The 1994 refit, which cost £30m, was unfinished when the ship sailed from Southampton to New York. Some passengers were left behind because not enough cabins were available and work continued during the cruise.

You must be kidding The town of Haslemere, in Surrey, woke yesterday to find that it bad been re-named Trumpton after the children's TV programme. In an April Foois Day prank, the area's 60plus road signs and markings had been changed overnight.

Family's body shock The battered body of a 25year-old man was discovered by members of his family in undergrowth next to a railway line. Melvyn Green of Broad Street village, near Guildford, Surrey, was reported missing late on Saturday. Detectives were yesterday questioning a man at Guildford police station.

Moscow air horror

Three Britons were killed when a Russian fighter pilot flew into power cables while showing off his plane, an inquest beard yes-terday. Colonel Viktor Khaykov bit the cables as he took air buffs Anthony Naylor, 30, of Ponte-fract, West Yorkshire, Russell Bessey, 37, of Woking, Surrey, and David Stepbens, 38, of Pershore, Worcestershire, on a tour of Moscow last August. Verdicts of accidental death were recorded by the Wakefield coroner, David Hinchcliff.

Bid to save ponies

A 40 mph speed limit has been imposed across Dartmoor yes-terday to help protect its famous conies and other wildlife. Some 300 ponies, sheep and cattle are killed by cars every year on the 363 square mile National Park in Devon. Sheep and cattle will wear reflective bands at night.

No go-go plea

A former stripper told a licencing hearing that plans by nightclub owner Peter Stringfellow to have topiess dancers at his club in Covent Garden, London, will give the "green light" to men who think women are "for sale". The girls will be paid when guests put a £10 note in their stocking tops.

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Grandee of Slough who directs Tory cash drive

CHRIS BLACKHURST Westminster Correspondent

It comes as no surprise that Sir Nigel Mobbs should be chairing the Conservatives' anonymous fund-raising group, The City and Industrial Liaison

For few businessmen have so successfully straddled the twin worlds of commerce and politics as Sir Nigel, 58. Neither are many people so closely identified with one place.

His chosen patch is Slough. reviled by Sir John Betjeman hut for Sir Nigel a place of serious influence and undoubted

Since joining Slough Estates. the property company, in 1961, after school at Marlborough College and university at Christ Church, Oxford, he has hased himself in the town. He now runs Slough Estates, which under his stewardship has

grown to be one of the country's biggest property developers, managing a portfolio worth £1.8bn and is chairman of Corporate Health, formerly Slough Occupational Health Service and of Slough Social Fund. Locally, he is also president

of the Buckinghamshire Asso-ciation of Boys Clubs and head of the Council of the University of Buckingham.

Nationally, he used to be chairman of Kingfisher, the re-

Chris Blackhurst profiles Sir Nigel Mobbs, overseer of the Conservatives' shadowy fund-raising group

tail group that owns Wool-worths, and is on the board of Barclays Bank,

As to be expected, quangos have not passed him by. He served on the Property Services Agency Advisory Board and on the Department of Trade and Industry's panel on deregulation. He is also a member of the Commonwealth War Graves

Sir Nigel, who is married with three children, was knighted in 1986. He is a member of the "board of treasurers" of leading husinessmen assem-bled by Charles Hambro at Sir Nigol: Straddling worlds Tory Central Office to try to wipe out the party's crushing bank overdraft.

He has made no secret of his party affiliations, once writing a lerier to a newspaper claim-ing companies are subject to tighter rules on disclosure than trade unions

There is a legal requirement on companies, public and private, to declare in their accounts

any donations they make to po-litical parties," wrote Sir Nigel. "There is no such legal requirement on unions, nor does the Labour Party publish a list showing how much every indi-



of politics and commerce

He also pointed out that "shareholders have a say over their company's political donations" and "have the right to vote on the report and accounts at their annual general meeting" - something Labour questioned yesterday in relation io payments to Sir Nigel's ambiguously titled City and In-

dustrial Liaison Council. Last week's council meeting with Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, was at the invitation of Arthur Andersen & Co, although an Andersen spokesman stated yesterday

that the event was hosted by an individual partner, not the firm.

Andersen, which was reportedly hiacklisted by the Government for accountancy advice over its role as auditor for De Lorean, the sports-car firm that was backed by public money and collapsed spectacularly in 1982, has been trying to rehabilitate itself with Whitehall.

A writ from the Government seeking damages of £168m for negligence over De Lorean apart, Andersen has still heen picking up government

Its autonomous consultance side, Andersen Consulting, has received contracts worth more than £50m from the Government since the dispute with its accountancy division began, the higgest of which, for £34m, came from the Department of

Social Security. Other hranches of govern-ment, including the Ministry of Defence and departments of Employment and Overseas Development, have also awarded contracts to Andersen.

In 1993, the accountancy side reportedly approached the Government to be re-consid-

ered for public-sector business. The firm was said to have held discussions with senior officials and ministers over a possible breach of European Union law for being excluded from government contracts.

Referendum decision possible before Easter

DONALD MACINTYRE.

John Major and a powerful coalition of Cabinet ministers will seek tomorrow to overcome the objections of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and secure full backing for a pledge not to enter a single currency without a referendum.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, who has thrown his weight behind an early decision to promise a referendum, has already submitted to Downing Street his paper detailing the options on how to operate such referendum.

The paper is expected to be circulated to the Cabinet today for discussion on Wednesday,

fore the Commons rises for Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Easter later in the day. Mr Clarke's decision not to at-

tend a meeting of Group of Seven finance ministers in Lille yesterday triggered a fresh alarm in Westminster amid fears that he could be prepared to push his opposition to a referendum piedge to the point of resignation.
But Downing Street dismissed
suggestions that he had remained in London for emer-

gency talks with Mr Major on the referendum issue, pointing out that both the Canadian and United States finance ministers had pulled out of the meeting. Mr Clarke has also been heavily involved in the negotiation with Brussels over the hoped-for

holding out at least the possi-hility that the Prime Minister could announce a decision be-im Whitehall yesterday that while

News Analysis, page 15 Signs of recovery for house prices

Mounting evidence of a recovery in the housing market gained fresh impetus yesterday after figures from Halifax Building So-

ciety showed prices rose by 1.2 per cent in March, the biggest monthly gain in two years. The rise, the eighth consechave gone up, means the cost

last year. The society said yesterday: "We are continuing to forecast a rise of 2 per cent for the year as a whole, but clearly this will be reviewed if the pattern of recent months is sustained," the society added.

Gary Marsh, head of corpoutive month in which prices rate affairs at the Halifax, warned, however, that there of a home is 1.7 per cent high- appeared to be a change in the

seasonal pattern of house prices since the Budget was moved from March to November in 1993. Before that, house prices tended to rise from the end of March, but now prices appeared to increase much earlier, only to peter out as the year

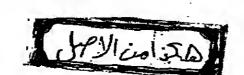
The Halifax survey differed from that of Nationwide Building Society, which last week said prices were flat in March.

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Pepsi turns the air blue as it tries to mirror Coke's red revolution

GLENDA COOPER

The smiles will he wide and the fingers will he crossed today as Pepsi attempts supremacy in the global cola wars with a bevy of supermodels, a tennis star and a Concorde painted blue.

will be well aware that re- ently the most expensive - the mated cost of hundreds of thou- countries are being flown and launching a cola is a dangerous business as Coca Cola found to its cost when it tried to alter the secret recipe.

But in a move that Pepsi describes as "the most important The marketing executives 100 year history" and apparmarketing development in its

company is ditching its traditional red-and-blue can and replace it with an electric blue one to differentiate it from its main

rival Coca Cola. Air France has agreed to paint one of its Concordes in the new Pepsi colour, at an esti-

sands of pounds as part of the shipped to London Gatwick promotion to launch the new

The plane has been chartered promotion to launch the new

Today journalists from 40

Airport to witness the news conference to end all news conferences, with supermodels Cindy for at least 10 days as part of the Crawford and Claudia Schiffer and tennis star Andre Agassi

As another part of the cam- made.

paign Pepsi have also paid the Daily Mirror, long-time Labour supporter to go blue for the day.

Today will also be the first air-. ing of the new Pepsi commercial starring Crawford and Agassi. It is estimated to cost E3m, the most expensive ever

In the hitter cola wars, Pepsi has always run second to the market leader Coca-Cola, the world's most recognised brand, which this year trumpets its sponsorship of the Olympic

Wimbledon and the Coca Cola

ticularly under pressure in Britain from Virgin Cola and many supermarket own-brands. Virgin yesterday ran an April Fool's advertising campaign warning customers "if the Games in Atlanta. Euro 96. can turns blue the cola's gone

Lamp lights the way to skin cancer cure

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A lamp, no bigger than a household toaster, has been used to kill cancer cells successfully, a cancer charity said yesterday.

The device, invented by Dr Colin Whitehurst at the Paterson Institute in Manchester, emits an intense are of light directed on the affected area and has so far successfully treated 150 trial patients with early skin cancer.

Dr Whitehurst, who works for the Cancer Research Campaign's department of experimental radiation oncology, has spent more than five years developing photodynamic thera-

py [PDT].
The target area is pre-treated with a photosensitive drug which is activated by the light. Patients are able to read a book or relax while having the treatment, which is entirely painless, "PDT involves spreading a special cream on certain skin cancers which is taken up by the cancer cells. These cells are then killed by light from the new light source." said Dr

cheaper to huy or operate than tor general of the CRC yester-

apeutic effect of our light source, based on pre-clinical and patient iests, has been shown to he the same as or in some cases an improvement over certain

lasers." Dr Whitehurst said. Clinical trials are presently going on at the Glasgow Western infirmary and Cookridge hospital, Leeds, Tests have been done on patients with early skin cancer [Bowen's disease] and so-called "rodent ulcers" [hasal cell carcinomas] - the most common type of skin can-

To date 180 pre-cancerous and cancerous skin lesions have heen treated and completely cleared. In Bowen's disease the lamp was shown to compare very favourably with the best current clinical practice and little if no scarring or side-effects have been noted, the charity said. Doctors have been encouraged by the results and are subsequently planning tests for brain, hreast, gullet, prostate, bowel and gynaecological cancers as well as the skin disease

Professor Gordon McVic, The new lamp is 20 times who took up the post of direc-

conventional lasers, "The ther- day said: "This treatment for skin conditions can be applied on an outpatient basis and is both effective and peoplefriendly and is already being used in Glasgow and Leeds

with convincing results. "This is truly a remarkable invention which we believe will make a vital contribution to the way other important cancers are

However, the charity admits that more research is still needed. PDT is currently not effective for melanoma nor for

deeply spreading tumnurs. "Although more research is required to define its place in cancer therapy, PDT using the new light looks to be a useful new weapon in the battle against cancer," said Dr Colin Morton, who has helped to conduct the trials at Glasgow's Western infirmary.

CRC Technology, the Cancer Research Campaign's technol-ogy transfer arm, has filed a patent application to safeguard the invention.

Deals are expected to be announced shortly with American and UK-based companies to further develop the lamp for the



Bright spark: Dr Whitehurst using the photodynamic therapy on a skin cancer patient

Toddler found dead in dyke

A body believed to be that of the missing toddler John Brisnow was found in a water-filled ditch only 30 yards from his home in a travellers' camp in Kent yesterday.

A police diver found the body wedged under rubbish 5ft under water during a scareb of the area around the 21-monthold boy's home near Lvdd. It is thought he fell in accidentally.

John was last seen at 5pm on Sunday as he played outside his home on the caravan site. The ley search was delayed by a misunderstanding between his mother, Tracey Beaney, and his ith grandmother, Annie Beaney, ng His mother believed he had his gone into Lydd with his grand- bo mother and did not realise that be he was missing until the latter returned. Travellers on the site immediately scarched the area

and called in the police.

After the hody was found there were scuffles and some travellers shouted ahuse at police for calling off the search during the night. But Douglas Dunn, John's grandfather, said: "There is no question of hlaming the police. They were searching until late last night and they did their best."

Detective Chief Inspector Andrew Felton said the body was not found earlier because divers had to enter the ditch in darkness and feel their way through the water which was clogged with debris." It was very nurky and there were very high winds. Conditions were awful.

stars of stage and sport

ROS WYNNE-JONES

Talented young people in sports National Lottery funds under a rule change unveiled vesterday by the Secretary of State for National Heritage. Virginia Bottomiev.

Lottery "good causes" money, currently channelled into buildings and equipment, will now be open to bids which develop the potential of people. with emphasis on the young. Mrs Bonomley said: 'The lot-

tery has been successful in creating and enhancing the physical fahric of our arts, hertage and sports worlds. The popular success of the lottery will allow us to invest in the nation's human capital as well as its huildings.

Labour quickly claimed credit for the idea. At Commons artists, aid sports coaching and questions. Dr Jack Cunning-talent-spotting projects at grassham, the party's heritage roots and élite levels; and in- ences. he said.

said he had put the idea to her Bottomley said she was not going to spend time arguing over "ownership of the concept".

Sports and arts bodies welcomed the move. A spokesman for the Sports Council said: "We gave the heritage department a wish list and have got nearly everything we asked for. We have received over £180m from the lottery in schemes aimed at improving the hricks and mortar and now we will he able to look at other ways of funding sports.

Under the rule changes, money can be used to establish talent funds" to develop the abilities of performers and

spokesman, told Mrs Bottóm- crease access to the arts, for exley he welcomed the move "be-cause what you have done is to implement Lahour policy". He et schemes for schools and community groups. It can also on "25 October last year". Mrs he used to fund one-off major sporting events.

The money can also now be used to restore historic huildings by extending aid to huilding preservation trusts. A spokesman for the Department of National Heritage

said the aim of the new rules. issued under the National Lottery Act, was to give organisations the "freedom to invest in talented individuals" For the arts, it would mean

investment in creative ability. For example, at the moment companies like the RSC have beautiful homes in London and Stratford, but not everyone will be able to go and see them. This will bring the best of drama, music and dance to regional audi-

Lottery fillip for young 'Orgy of violence' schoolboys jailed

Three sixth formers were jailed were all pupils at Cardiff High yesterday after attacking two men during a drunken orgy of

David Voulden and David Wilon their families.

Instead of starting university they were locked up in a young offenders institution after Judge John Curran told how they "exulted" in a rampage when they savagely at-tacked a church caretaker and

a man who came to his rescue. Sentencing them, he said: There cannot be a separate law for those with intelligence." Groom, Vodden and Willey

School - rated as the best in Wales - when they broke from their A-level studies and went Cardiff Crown Court was on a binge drinking heer and told that Andrew Groom, eider near their homes in Cyncoed, a middle class suburb of

As they walked home, disahled caretaker Eric Cobourne and Ian Birtle, a book keeper, took the full hrunt of their brutality, the court was told.

Mr Cobourne, 50, was kicked in the face outside his church while Mr Birtle, 33, was knocked almost conscious as he tried to halt the violence. Mr Cobourne died two weeks later but his death was found to be from natural causes.

vandalised, "Cobourne was verhally ahused and then Groom threw a bottle at his head, leaving him with a wound that

David Aubrey, for the pros-

ecution, said: "They rampaged

around the streets of this nor-

mally quiet suburb, hehaving

In a trail of damage they

like three drunken hooligans."

wreeked a garden wall and

needed several stitches." Mr Cobourne was then kicked in the head by Vodden. Mr Aubrey said: "It's claimed Vodden then turned to friends and boasted 'Did you see that - his nose just exploded'."

Asked why they had picked on Mr Cobourne. Vodden said:

coed person, he was different." Mr Birtle was attacked and chased down the road hefore being kicked and punched. Mr Auhrey said: "Groom told him Say you are sorry.

"He was obviously not a Cvn-

disorder and causing actual bodily harm. They were convicted of attempting to cause grievous bodily harm. Groom and Vodden were also found guilty of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

All three youths were said to he ashamed of their actions. Groom and Vodden were sent to a young offenders' centre for two years; Willey was ordered to be detained for 18 months.



by a misunderstanding

Channel ferry firm cuts price of duty-free goods

NICOLE VEASH

A cross-Channel ferry company has cut duty-free prices on beer, spirits and eigarettes in an attempt to safeguard Easter trade from its rival Eurotunnel. Stena has cut prices on all its routes to France by up to two-thirds and is selling 24 cans of Fosters for £9,99,£20 less than

the average High Street price. Although this is the second year Stena has reduced selected duty-free lines at Easter, the move is seen as a retaliation to a long-term promotion by Eurotunnel which is offering 66 per cent off retail off duty-free prices at its terminals in Folk-stone and Calais.

vodka and whisky for £6.65 and 200 cigarettes at £9.05 said the ferry companies were doing too little too late to save their duty-free business. Dominic The people love it and they keep Frv. director of communications, said: "Ours is a long-term pricing policy and not just a special offer. Unlike us, the ferry companies are offering an ex-

huy duty free are just not trav-cling on the ferries any more." the yearly product promotions trade" - items bought in off

Eurotunnel, which is selling must give people reasons to a litre of gin for £4.65, a litre of travel across the channel by ferry, but we are not just a retail chain we are a leisure service company. The brands on offer are popular and well-known coming back for more."

However rival ferry compa ny, P&O, said it would not be cutting duty-free prices. "We don't need to manipulate prices tremely limited range of prod-ucts. Customers who want to spokesman said. Recent retail industry figures show cross-Channel purchases account for A spokesman for Slena said 14.7 per cent of the UK's "off-

were extremely successful and licences or supermarkets - and he described the company as a experts predict the share could "floating shop". He added: "We grow by 20 per cent by 2000.

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Safeguards urged for water industry plans

MARY FAGAN Industrial Correspondent

The Government is to introduce more compelition in the water industry, but has said that choice would be initially limited to companies using hundreds of millions of litres every year.

The proposals, announced yesterday, were attacked as nowl much" by the Labour Party which warned that average customers must not end up paying more to offset lower bills for industry.

Consumer groups also said that there must be safeguards to ensure that households, which have no ability to shop around, are not sacrificed for the sake of a "political gim-

A spokeswoman for the Consumers' Association said: "We welcome the extension of competition but it could be very

could add to prices for the average consumer. There could be cross-subsidies and domestic consumers could actually see their bills going up to pay for competition which will only benefit large users."

The association also called for assurances that safety will not be compromised. The spokeswoman added: "We worry that if you mix the water from different companies it would be more difficult to trace the source of any germ or bug that might get into the system.

The proposal announced in a consultative document by John Gummer, Secretary of State for the Environment, fell far short of expectations raised in comments by the Prime Minister at the weekend.

The plan will allow companies using an annual 250 mega-litres – each megalitre is 220,000 gallons - to buy water from a

around the country and this supplier other than their local company. The water would be delivered through the existing suppliers' pipelines under a "common carriage" arrangement. It extends very limited competition provisions which have been in place for about five years but which has yet to be

taken up. Mr Gummer said: "Competition is the best guarantee for consumers that they receive value for money, better services and lower prices.

He hopes to extend competiuon to other users "in the future". One City analyst dismissed the proposals as "an April Fool from Mr Gummer". He added: "1 am not convinced that this talk of competition will actually change much."

Ofwat, the industry watchdog, said the proposals would po-tentially benefit "exceptionally" large users, probably about 600 to 700 companies a year.

idea is have an evolutionary approach. The Government intends to extend it in due course but you are some time away from getting to domestic cus-

But she added that domestic consumers will not bear any extra costs. Ian Byatt, directorgeneral of Ofwat, is looking at removing very large customers from the water firms' price caps, which would prevent firms shifting the balance of charges in favour of larger users.

Frank Dobson, Labour's environment spokesman, said: These proposals do nothing about the fundamental failings of the privatised water industry. with its soaring prices, profits and bosses' pay and perks. It does nothing to stop the scandal of the leaks or the environmental damage of taking too much water from rivers and lakes during dry spells."



Wildlife heritage: Ministry of Agriculture officials survey a pond created by Andrew Cleaver on his farm at Chadlington Oxfordshire, with a subsidy from the Countryside Stewardship scheme which is now run by MAFF Photograph: Philip Meed

Soviet spy sued for profits of his 'betrayal'

Soviet spy George Blake to the duty remained. High Court to try to recover £90,000 be made from a book about his years with MI6;

Blake, who now lives in poverty in Moscow, after escaping from Wormwood Scrubs prison in 1961, turned down an offer to appear personally to de-fend bimself.

He declined to offer any defence but is being represented by Lord Lester QC, who is also appearing for his London publishers, Jonathan Cape, in a parallel action brought by the Attorney General.
Mr Philip Havers QC, rep-

resenting the Attorney General, told the Vice Chancellor, Sir Richard Scott, that Blake had broken his trust with the security and intelligence services by writing the book, No Other Choice, which deals with Blake's time with MI6 between 1947 and 1961, displayed a "flagrant disregard" of his duties, from which be bad "unjustly" made money, said Mr Havers.

was no breach of confidence -Blake had already told the until today.

The Attorney General, Sir Russian authorities all the Nicholas Lyell, yesterday took secrets he knew – a fiduciary

Because the information bad been passed to the Russians, it could no longer be regarded as confidential, said Mr Havers. It was a breach of confidentiality in that Blake had broken the trust of the security services. Therefore, the correct remedy would be for the Crown to take any profits be bad made,

Jonathan Cape, who are not defending the action, hold the profits of the book, which have een frozen since publication in

Blake, 73, who was responsible for the deaths of several British agents, received a £35,000 advance for the book be

wrote in Moscow. Lord Lester, appointed by the Crown to look after Blake's interests, said that if the former security officer was prevented from publishing a story about his life because he was employed by the Crown, then ministers should be subject to the same code and stopped from He said that although there publishing their memoirs.

The hearing was adjourned

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The Moon Over London

By David Gascoyne

Last night a woman's veil Above the city drifting like a bar Or some lost wing of smoke By hateful influences was rent in twain Predicting rain for the denizens below

Out of its house of cerulean shell The twin-breasted eclipse Released its venom on the world And poured its quick-tongued vapours on our sleep While dire hounds howled on Hampstead Hill.

Then sighed the half-extinguished torch: 'Aversion of the violence foretold Is in the courage of the weak To brace the breaking rock And cut adrift the tethered kecl of Time.'

David Gascoyne was born in 1916 and published his first volume of poems as a schoolboy in 1932. The following year he visited Paris, coming into contact with writers and painters of the Surrealist movement such as André Breton and Louis Aragon, and publishing his own account. A Short Survey of Surrealism, in 1935. He was one of the few British poets to be strongly influenced by the movement, although its impact was also felt by Lawrence Durrell and Dylan Thomas. This poem, written before 1940, appears in Nineties Poetry: Winter 1995-96 published by the Lansdowne Press at £4.95.



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Teachers' conference: Problem of discipline highlighted

Staff demand support over pupil attacks

Education Correspondent

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Nine out of ten teachers say that school discipline is deteriorating, according to a survey published vesterday.

Headteachers and the police are failing to offer staff the support they need to deal with the problem, says the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, which opened the classroom unions annual conterence season in Torquay, Devon, vesterday,

David Blunkett. Labour's education spokesman, will address the conference today. saying that schools should he given greater powers to exclude violent pupils, and diffi-cult children should be sent to

special units for up to a term. The 150,000-strong association surveyed its branch secretaries in 71 local authorities. Half said that discipline was a worse problem than 15 years ago, and a further 35 per cent said it was much worse.

There wrere 293 assaults on teachers in the past year in 28 areas where detailed records were kept. Staff were worried about threats to their safety from pupils, parents and intruders.

Peter Smith, general secretary of the association, said many schools swept incidents under the carpet because of fears that they might he marked down as having discipline problems. The

by politicians on their hehalf.
"We are talking about flickknives being thrown at teachers, teachers being head-hutted by irate parents. We are talking about intruders coming onto school premises and causing

mayhem," he said. Most of the branch secretaries surveyed blamed a deterioration in society for the indiscipline, while others cited poor adult role models, large classes and failures in the law.



Galina O'Connor: Left school after attack by boy, nine

One teacher who had had to take early retirement after an attack by a pupil, said in a statement yesterday that it seemed children could do no wrong,

"Could the theorists explain just what ought to he done about a boy of eight who puts police were often reluctant to a stick in dog's mess and puts use their powers to prosecute it in a younger hoy's mouth? It offenders, he added. Teachers is considered a basic human were having to turn to their right to be a nuisance and get

O'Connor, 58, had to leave her iob at a north London primary after receiving back injuries while trying to restrain a pupil.

The boy, nine, a refugee from Zaire, had previously kicked her and attacked fellow pupils, she said. But she had been advised by her deputy head to give in to demands from the boy for easier work, more praise, priority access to the computer and the right to sit wherever he wanted.

The boy was not excluded from Woodcroft primary, in Barnet, though he left soon afterwards to move to another horough. Mrs O'Connor received compensation of £2,500. "My life is absolutely ruined," she said yesterday.

A spokesman for Barnet council said it had never accepted that the boy had intentionally attacked Mrs O'Connor and that it's compensation payment was without prejudice.

Mr Blunkett will criticise limits on school exclusions. At present, schools can exclude a child for up to 15 days or expel them permanently, Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education. is reviewing the limits.

Labour wants to see disruptive pupils sent to properly run special referral units. Some of these units already exist but they have been criticised by inspectors for poor quality teaching.

Mr Blunkett said yesterday: "Discipline is crucial, both in terms of educating young people who ... are disruptive, and for the education of the children

'Scandal' of 600 schools with outside toilets

More than 600 primary schools cation chairwoman of the ACC, still have outside toilets, according to a survey published yesterday. And for more than is a temporary but - some over 40 years old and falling apart.

survey by local authorities press-location of only £200,000 for this essential repair and maintenance of school buildings.

A survey seven years ago by the Audit Commission said local education authorities needed £2bn for school repairs. The current survey, carried out by the Association of County Councils and Association of Metropolitan Authoriues, puts the figure at £3.2hn. Saxon Spence, Labour cdiv-

said the figures were a scandal. Government restrictions on LEA borrowing meant money EC.000 children the classroom for maintenance was declining, "It is not untypical for a large education authority with The findings come from a 500 schools to have a annual al-

> We've been telling the Govcriment year after year this problem is getting worse," Mrs Spence said. The Government told LEAs to sell buildings and land to raise money. But there was little left to sell. Ministers told them to look for money in revenue budgets and financial reserves, Mrs Spence said. But these were being squeezed by successive spending cuts. And

to private investment. But only a minority of projects - like dual-use sports facilities - offered any financial return.

As a result, children spent their days in inadequate, sometimes dangerous buildings, "Some of these temporary buildings are OK. But some are literally falling apart," Mrs Spence said.
"After the dreadful tragedy in

Dunhlane, schools are now being urged to have one entrance that can be easily controlled, said Mrs Spence. "When schools are increasingly made up of collections of temporary huts. that is practically impossible." Liberal Democrat education

spokesman Don Foster described the situation as a disgrace

Foal is born to run for farmhouse racing dynasty

RICHARD SMITH

A horse-racing dynasty huilt on just £25 has moved into its fifth generation with the hirth of a foal to follow in the hoof-steps of a string of champions.

Tom Price and his family have huilt on the initial £25 outlay by his father for a mare

called Cottage Lass II in 1952 during her career, Yesterday the to create one of the most successful lines in National Hunt history, winning 100 races between them.

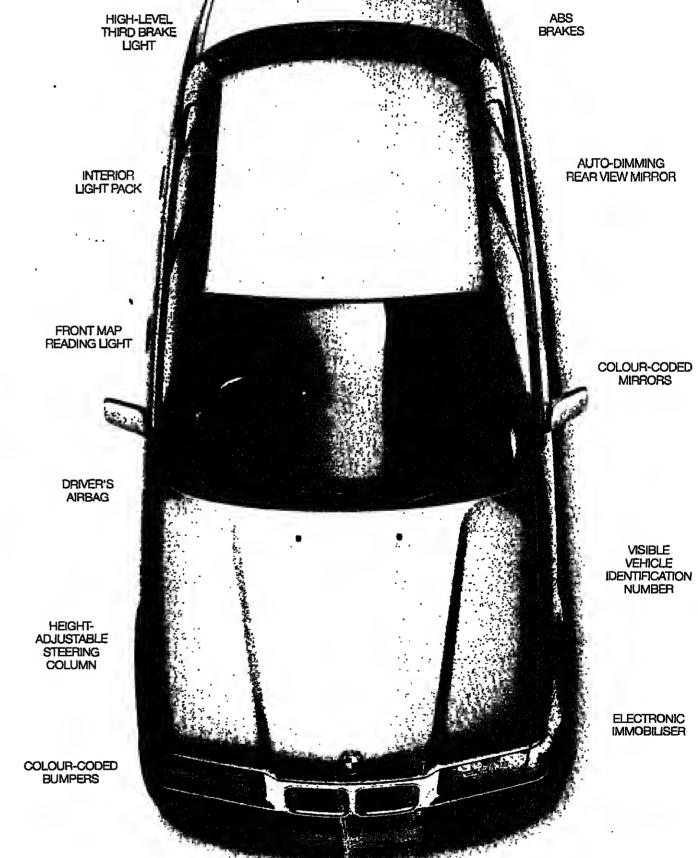
Most famous was Flakey Hereford and Worcester. Dove - all the horses have the name Dove - who won the 1993 Champion Hurdle and picked up more than £200,000

Prices welcomed the fifth generation when Flakey Dove gave birth to her first foal at their 400acre farm near Leominster.

The father of the bay filly is the Ascot Gold Cup winner, Le Moss, and Mr Price, who shares

and their three sons, hopes mares like Red Dove - who prothey may have another winner. Mr Price, 72, said: "We are iust country Johnnies and all our

dreams have come true - anything extra will be a bonus." "I have never gambled and even now I still can't believe all the success we have enjoyed -- duced 38 winners - and Shadey Dove were simply sent to the nearest available stallion, the Prices are flying higher with Flakey Dove. After producing the new foal, Flakey Dove is this summer to visit Terimon, who



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Hedge gets chop in feud that divided neighbours for 18 years

hedge took a decisive turn yes-terday when one of the combatants was given the go-ahead

to lop nearly 20ft off its height.
The hedge – a row of 10 Ley-landii fir trees – in the Bourn-ville area of Birmingham, and grown to a height of 30 ft, and Michael Jones, 67, and his wife. Maureen, have been complaining for years that it was blocking their light.

The trees belong to the Jones's neighbour, 88-year-old Charles anton, but despite a succession of court cases estimated to cost around £100,000, he has refused to allow them to be pruned. Yesterday Mr Stanton re-

mained behind tocked doors. A cardboard coffin was placed outside his home with the epitanh: "RIP My Lovely Trees. whose gentle green mantle has so nobly softened my gaze against the ugly reality beyond." Mr Stanton planted the

hedge in 1971 as soon as the Ioneses moved in. Troubte flared in 1978 when Mr Jones claimed the hedge was too tall at 20 ft and blocked his light.

Following three court cases. including one at the High Court in London, a Birmingham County Court judge ruled Mr Jones could prune the trees to

Stanton was ordered to pay costs of up to £70,000, hut he

has vowed to continue fighting. In the course of the battle, Mr Stanton's son, Paul, has been convicted of assaulting Mr Jones, papers on the case fill three bulging files and the wrangle has even been debated on Gardeners' Question Time.

The row also made history when a court was obliged to de-liver a legal definition of a hedge: "A number of woody plants, whether capable of growing into trees or not, which are so planted after being tended together as to form both screen and barrier."

Mrs Jones said as the trees were lopped: "I'm obviously overjoyed. It's just beyond my comprehension how can anybody be so nasty as to want to stop someone seeing the blue sky and winter sun."
The Jones's problems may

not be over, however. Mr Jones explained:"Beyond this hedge we have the problem of a sec-ond bedge of trees. In three years' time I know this second hedge will be a nuisance." The former Labour minister,

Lord Howell, is backing the Jones's fight for new laws to give householders the right to control neighbours' hedges and to



massacre: A forester gets to work on the hedge. Reducing its height from 30ft to 12ft took more than three hours Photograph: Newsteam

jailed over attack

A road rage motorist, who has been repeatedly convicted of attacking women after losing his temper at the wheel, was yesterday jailed for six months and banned from driving for two

Paul Erkiert, 41, from Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire, who was said in court to "have a problem with his temper", was told he was a dangerous man on the roads. Judge Laurence Mar-shall told Erkiert, who admitted assault: "On this crowded isle we have to live with others and accept their imperfections.

You have on a number of occasions attacked women because you have been annoyed with their driving or because they have complained about your driving. You have been given lenient sentences in the past hut the time has come for peo-ple to be protected from you." Luton Crown Court was told

that Erkiert's past convictions included a conditional discharge for an almost identical offence: being fined for common assault



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Jail 'sent woman to court in nightdress'

HEATHER MILLS Home Affair's Correspondent

Holloway prison "degraded" a woman by sending her to court wearing only her "nightie and negligee", a scathing report into the country's largest women jail has revealed.

News that the prison has shut the voluntary clothing service, leaving many inmates – partic-ularly the mentally ill, homeless and foreign nationals - without basic items such as shoes and underwear is the latest scandal to hit the troubled prison.

It comes in the annual report of the jail's Board of Visitors, which paints a picture of a management on the point of collapse, with demotivated staff, running a squalid jail with some inmates being locked in their cells for 20 hours a day. Poor

and activities and an increase in drug-related bullying and assault are condemned in the report, which calls on the Home Sec-

retary for action and assurances. The prison in north London last hit the headlines, when the new Chief Inspector of Prisons, Sir David Ramsbotham, walked out in disgust at the infestation of rats, cockroaches and lice and "overzealous" security - in particular the use of manacles and chains on pregnant and seriously ill women at-tending hospital. He has still not returned to the jail to complete

the inspection. The ensuing outcry eventually forced an about-turn by the Government over the use of the new governor. shackles on pregnant women concerns also raised by the bin bags full of rats were carried Board of Visitors. It also reveals that large amounts of inmates' over the "rat runs", and the filth

tered post going in and out of the troubled prison, And that some inmates were locked in their cells for such prolonged periods over weekends that they could not hath or shower.

The board believes that lack of purposeful regime was profoundly damaging to the ethos of the prison and to the lives of inmates," concludes the report. "It is demeaning, inhumane and damaging to mental and physical health to keep women isolated and locked in their cells with little respite."

But it acknowledges that there have been some major improvements since January, when Mike Sheldrick became

Sources suggested that five out of jail; grass is now growing

health facilities within the jail.

But concerns remain about the plight of teenagers, the mentally ill and Category A high-risk offenders. Furthermore, there is still no clothing provision at the jail for the foreign, homeless and mentally ill women, among its 500-plus population. "It is a fundamental right of women to be decently clothed. It is basic to justice that they should be well presented for court appearances," the report says. It is deplorable that management has been unable to pro-

ide for this." Rachel Palmer, the outgoing chairman said: "The complex needs of Holloway and the female population were not fully understood. Help was too

Jovernors give warm welcome to new prison service chief

HEATHER MILLS Iome Affairs Correspondent

Richard Tilt, the man called upon five months ago to run the Prison Service in the wake of Derek Lewis's controversial sacking, was yesterday formally appointed to the post of Director General - on about half the salary of his predecessor.

Mr Tilt, 52, will carn £77,000, the salary of a Grade 2 civil servant, with performance pay up to an estimated £5,000. Derek Lewis, the first husinessman lured in from industry to try turn the troubled service around under its new "agency" status, earned £125,000 with up to £35,000 in annual honuses.

As a former prison governor. Mr Tilt's appointment has delighted both governors and staff in the country's 136 jails. They had viewed the appointment of Mr Lewis, a former television executive with neither government nor prison experience, as



Richard Tilt: Changed his mind about taking the job

a costly and failed experiment. Last week, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary conceded he would pay up to £200,000 to set-tle Mr Lewis's claim for unfair dismissal after a damaging prison escape inquiry.

cision by ministers to resort to *in-house" appointments. In the five months since Mr Lewis's sacking, informal approaches were made to people like Andrew Foster, controller of the Audit Commission, to see if they would be interested. Further, head-hunting agencies told the Home Office that Mr Howard's treatment of Mr Lewis made it unlikely that the post would be able to attract high-quality candidates from outside the service.

Mr Tilt himself, although commanding the respect of all orison staff, was also initially reluctant to stand for the job widely regarded as a poisoned chalice. But his success over the past five months has both changed his mind and convinced ministers that he is the man for what they accept is a very difficult joh.

Last night, David Roddan, general secretary of the Prison

We are delighted at this news. We have long campaigned to have a head of the service who has personal experience of running prisons. Mr Tilt has this and he will enjoy the full confidence of prison governors in this country.

Yesterday, Mr Howard, who made the announcement in a Commons written reply, said: "Richard Tilt has done an excellent job as Acting Director General. I have every confidence that he will provide the service with the leadership it nceds.

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Mr Howard said he also proposed to establish a Prison Service Advisory Board to advise on the performance and plans of the service. Mr Tilt's 30-year career in the Prison Service has included governing both Gartree and Wakefield Prisons, as well as being a regional manager and, most recently, director of services and custody.

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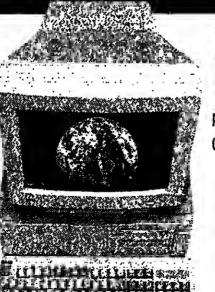
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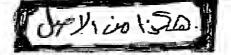
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Hollywood reflections: Swirling skirts of backless gown In Bob Mackie's New York show Photograph: Sheridan Morley

Movie setting for time-warp show

TAMSIN BLANCHARD Fashion Editor

have trapped the New York designers this season. Hollywood wardrobes have heen resurrected and thrift shops ransacked for stock to copy.

Bob Mackie, the designer who put Cher in the infamous black cobweb dress for the Oscars in 1986, launched his new evening collection on Sunday. These were glamorous clothes column dresses with Art Deco detailing and beading -

for society women to wear to cocktail parties and formal social engagements. Prices go up to \$3,000 (about £2,000). The show was held at the can-

A Twenties time warp seems to dlelit Laura Bell's supper cluh and was like a scene from a Forpure showbiz glamour with a hit of Las Vegas thrown in. The in Hollywood where he worked at Paramount and then for television as the costume designer for The Judy Garland Show in the Sixties and The Sonny And Cher Comedy Hour.
Mackie's clients include Cher

and Madonna, newscaster Carol Burnett, actress Carol Channing - and the drag queen Ru

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Anna Sui, the wacky Downtown designer, showed an au- little originality the New York to both the Sixties and the Twenties with cloche hats, Ultrasuede coats with tie belts, distressed leather jackets worn with sensible tweed, and the sort of clothes that would look like secondhand tat to anyone hut

the initiated. After the thrift stores and flea markets, Sui turned to what she called "eccentric English" and cast her eye over the clothes of

Paul who turned up for the show Vivienne Westwood. Windowdressed as a man in a sombre pane checks were made up into trouser suits, Miss Marple skirts

beaded flapper dresses with handkerchief hems — was lifted from Twenties originals. And why buy Anna Sui when you can still buy antique dresses with all their fine craftmanship at a frac-tion of the price of Sui's?

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Fraud charge PC is found dead in forest

A policeman cleared seven years ago of murdering his wife in Portugal has been found dead in a fume-filled car.

Constable Alan Waldock, 41, was due to appear before a Northumberland court tomorrow charged in connection with a £13,000 credit card fraud.

His body was discovered early on Sunday morning on a deserted track deep in the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire. It is understood that Gloucestershire police have found a number of notes. A post-monem examination was due to be

carried out yesterday. Relatives, including PC Waldock's 13-year-old son, Christopher, were said to have been shocked by his death.

Inspector Dean Walker, of Gloucestershire Police, said police officers found the constable in his car on an isolated track in the forest.

The inspector added: "He was discovered in an Austin Metro car which we believe was his. We cannot say what the cause of death was until the results of a post-mortem examination are released. But there are no suspicious circum-

The Gloucestershire and

launched a joint investigation into his death.

Last month PC Waldock. who was suspended from duty with the Northumbria force, was accused of 10 deception charges at Morpeth police station.

PC Waldock had earlier hit the headlines when he was charged with killing his wife. Doris, 33, while they were holidaying Faro, in the Algarve, Portugal, in 1988.

Mrs Waldock had drowned in

a whirlpool hath at the couple's time-share villa at the Vale Navio holiday complex.



slipped and hanged her head. police. Her husband, who had always protested his innocence, was acquitted of her murder after a 12-

day irial which attracted world-wide media attention. In August 1990, a coroner recorded an open verdict on

Mrs Waldock's death. Four years ago, PC Waldock and his son moved from the Northumberland area to Cinderford in Gloucestershire,

where they set up home with a woman he had met while on boliday in Jersey, but he con-



The court in Faro decided she tinued to work for Northumbria

Last year, PC Waldock was arrested at a relative's house in Northumherland. He was detained at a police station for questioning over allegations relating to the use of a number of

credit cards. He was suspended from the 1 Northumbria force in July 1995 e during an investigation into the g allegations and was eventually charged to appear before South- 3 East Northumberland magis- > trates at Bedlington, tomorrow, e Before his suspension PC Waldock had been based at Clifford Street, Byker, where he worked part-time in the central n

operations control room. PC Waldock's former s brother-in-law Detective u Sergeant Alan Barber, an offi- s cer with Northumbria fraud squad, said yesterday that news C of his father's death had left !! Christopher distressed and in a state of shock.

He added: "Christopher has 1 been through a lot after the death of his mother. He was in the care of my parents while Alan Waldock was in jail in Por- 1 tugal. But he went back to live I with his father after he was ? cleared of the murder. Christo-1

Dispute hits shipping forecasts ment, the work has been done the work is part of the coast-

Coastguard leaders may go to court in the next round of a dispute which is disrupting the shipping forecasts broadcast

daily on BBC Radios 3 and 4. The Public Services Tax and Commerce Union is taking advice on the legality of plans by the Coastguard Agency to end special payments to coastguards who have provided readings of weather conditions at coastal stations from Tiree to Malin Head since 1949. Staff at 15 stations have stopped supplying the information in protest.

Under an informal arrange-

plying readings of wind direction and speed, visibility, pressure and general weather conditions. The Met Office is happy with the present arrange-

voluntarily, ostensibly in coast-

guards' own time, after training,

again in their own time, at the

college near Reading,

But the Coastguard Agency, which buys back some of the information for seafarers, has

guards' duty and therefore any Met Office payment should come to the agency.

Meteorological Office's training A spokeswoman said: "We are paying the Meteorological Office back for the information Volunteers receive payments of between £200 and £800 a year collected by our own staff durfrom the Met Office for suping their working day which does not make sense.

However, Dutchy Holland, chairman of the coastguards' section of the Public Services Tax and Commerce Union, said that the arrangement had been "established custom and practice" which the Coastguard Agency was seeking to overturn decided it is illogical. It claims because it was kept short of cash

by the Department of Transport. "We are seeking advice on the legality of these actions

with a view to challenging the decision in court. Our belief is that the agreement is between the individual officer and the Met Office. The coastguards are very, very angry over this."

A Met Office spokesman said the protest was unfortunate but did not affect forecasting. It simply meant that the conditions at those stations, which were normally read out at the end of shipping forecast on Radio 4 and the end of the inshore forecasts on Radio 3. were being omitted.



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Backbench sniping holds up divorce bill

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

The Government was forced to delay the next stage of the con-troversial Family Law Bill last night as Tory rebels said they would try to defeat key parts of

the reforms to divorce.
The Lord Chancellor's Office had to postpone the committee stage of the Bill, due today, after the Government decided to rush emergency anti-terrorism legislation through the Commons. Ministers denied they were retreating.

The delay was welcomed by the Bill's opponents, who believe they can use the postponement to build up opposition to the measure.

Edward Leigh, a minister who was sacked by John Major. is leading the Commons campaign against the measure with other right-wing senior Con-servative hackheneh MPs: Dame Jill Knight, John Patten, the former education secretary and John Redwood, the leadership challenger.

They tabled amendments to the Bill yesterday to tighten grounds for divorce by insisting on fault-hased divorce and doubling the proposed cooling-off period to two years before a divorce can go through.

The Government has already given way to opponents hy aflowing a free vote on key sections. It expects to be able to win with Labour support hut yesterday's delay heartened those opposed to the measure.

Mr Leigh said he was confident he could win support from ministers and a large group of backbenchers unhappy with the changes planned by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, in the Family Law

The measure seeks to introduce no-fault divorces for the

first time and to give couples a 12-month cooling-off period before they can sign a statement leading to a final divorce.

One amendment, insisting on guilt being considered, would require the court to be satisfied that one of the parties had commined adultery and that they had fived apart for a continuous period of at least a year; or that one of the parties had hehaved in an intolerable way; or that they they had lived apart for at least two years.

Other amendments would increase the cooling-off period to 18 months or two years where one party did not consent to the divorce or where there were children under 16.

Mr Leigh said: "It sends out the wrong message to young people embarking on the most important decision of their lives. If you have no fault, you are signing a contract which is meaningless.
Middle-aged women who

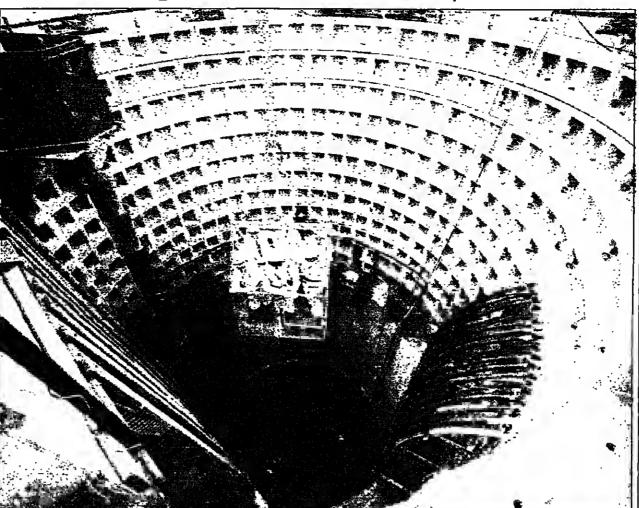
have spent a long time raising a family will be told they are being ejected from their marriage without reasons."
The Government insists the

Bill strengthens the institution of marriage and the cooling-off period will slow down divorces, giving couples more chance to settle their differences. Mr Leigh said there was

growing support for his proposals from Christian family groups and that some ministers could back him in the lobhies.

The Bill was opposed in the Lords hy the peers' former Conservative leader, Baroness Young, who is concerned about the effect of marriage breakdown on children.

The Government relied on the backing of Labour's front bench and will do so again when the Bill is debated after



Going underground: The Energy minister Tim Eggar is lowered into the top of a 10-km electricity cable tunnel yesterday. The link, built by London Electricity, runs under the Thames from Wimbledon to Pimlico

Sceptics attack Major on fish

STEPHEN GOODWIN

John Major yesterday came in for further sniping from Tory Euro-sceptics who believe he failed to take a sufficiently tough line at the Turin European summit on fishing rights and the single currency.

Reporting to MPs on the outcome of the meeting - marking the start of the Inter-Governmental Conference on the workings of the EU - the Prime Minister was also pressed over the possibility of a referendum on a single currency.

With the Cabinet expected to discuss the divisive poll tomorrow, senior Conservative Tim Rathhone said many Tories supported Mr Major's initial view that referenda were "not at all part of robust parliamentary procedures".

The Prime Minister said he did not think anything was remotely likely to come out of the IGC that could justify a refer-

He said: "The one area where I think there may possibly he a case for a referendum is in the case of any decision taken to join a single currency, since that clearly isn't a maner that is likely to he determined before a general election. Meanwhile Tory Eurosceptics achieved.

pointed up the absence from Mr Major's statement of any reference to reform of the Common Fisheries Policy, on which the Government had promised to act, and they questioned the lack of opposition to monetary union.

John Redwood, the former Welsh secretary, complained of "daily damage" to the British fishing industry and urged the 1 Government to consider unilateral action if it failed to get d support for reform from other e

FÜ states. Mr Major said opting out of the . CFP would not be in the inter- y ests of the industry. "The great :- danger of that would be that in e a measurably short period of o vears the fish would be so overfished that there would be no 1. fishing industry left."

Leading sceptic Bill Cash, Con- s servative MP for Stafford, drew s attention to the Presidency u Conclusions from the summit. s which reaffirms the EU's commitment to economic and mon- c etary union, and asked if Mr ll Major intended to reject a single currency. t The Prime Minister explained v

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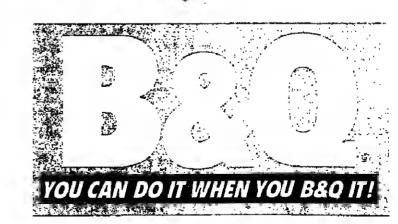
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that the single currency was being discussed in parallel to the y IGC and he repeated his doubts that the 1999 deadline could be 3



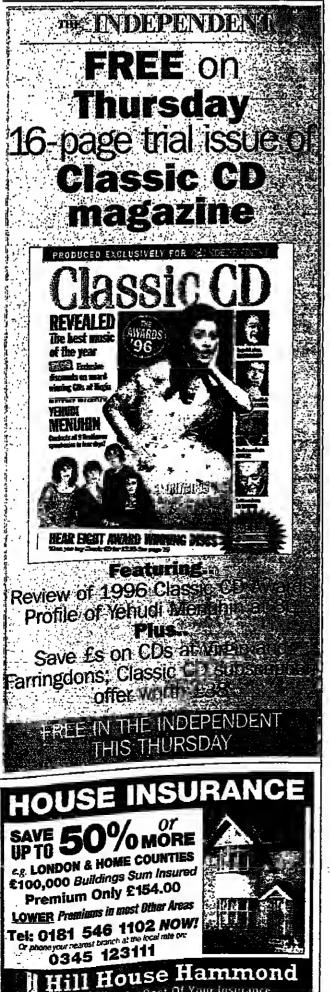
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Yeltsin peace plan falls on deaf ears

HELEN WOMACK

President Boris Yeltsin's peace plan for Chechnya, seen as crucial to his chances of re-election in Jnne, received a largely unenthusiastic response in Russia yesterday - on the ground it proved impossible to put a neat

end to fighting at midnight. Russian shelling eased after Mr Yeltsin appeared on television on Sunday to announce a unilateral ceasefire and partial withdrawal of troops. But in the small hours of yesterday morning. Muslim rebels ambushed an army unit in the south-eastern village of Vedeno, killing 28 servicemen and wounding 69. Serving Russian soldiers said

they helieved they would soon be fighting again. "The rebels have got used to the feel of a gun and are not going to give up that easily," said one conscript in Grozny, Another complained that the partial troop withdrawal would leave those who stayed behind "sitting

Among domestic politicians, the most charitable comment on the peace plan, which envisages parliamentary elections for the Caucasus and talks on possible autonomy but not independence, came from Sergei Yushenkov, a leading democrat, who said it was "undoubtedly positive although belated". But the retired General Alexander Lebed, who plans to

challenge Mr Yeltsin for the presidency, dismissed the programme as a "pre-election profanation. As a military professional, I can say it is impossible to stop hostilities after a year and a half of massive aerial bombings. The question arises why this war was needed in the first place."

Western reaction was cautious. In Washington, a White House spokesman welcomed the initiative but said the US would be "looking for execution. While we have been sympathetic to the very difficult situation he [Mr Yeltsin] faced there, we have also been concerned with what we consider to be an excessive use of force." Most elements of Mr

Yeltsin's plan were predictable. Russian forces spent March pounding Chechnya as mercilessly as at the start of the war in the winter of 1994-95. The aim was to push fighters loyal to the separatist leader, General Dzhokhar Dudayev, back into the southern mountains and to intimidate as many settlements as possible into handing over their weapons and hecoming

"islands of peace". Thus, it came as no surprise when Mr Yeltsin announced that two-thirds of Chechen territory was now under Russian control, making possible a withdrawal of some army units to the regional border. Kremlin forces left in Chechnya would keep up the fight against "terrorists". Yeltsin's plan was his offer to hold indirect talks with Gen Dudayev, whom Moscow has up to now written off as a criminal. In a lively interview with Russian journalists after his rather dry speech, Mr Yeltsin said not all his advisers agreed with him but

He spoke of an unnamed Arab sheikh, a former Soviet dissident identified as Orlov and the Kazakh leader, Nursultan Nazarbayev, as possible intermediaries. Yesterday Mikhail Gorbachev, who is trying to get back into the Kremlin, offered his services too, as did politicians

he had found mediators who

would be prepared to go be-

tween Moscow and Gen

of Tatarstan.

"We are aware," Mr Yeltsin said in a sensational admission, "that Dudayev has built up strength and gained authority with a certain part of the population of Chechnya. This authority is not without taint and is sometimes criminal. But it is authority all the same."

The point of the talks remained a puzzle, however, for Gen Dudayev has said all along as the "biggest disappointment that nothing short of full independence will satisfy him while Mr Yeltsin said on Sunday the most he could offer Chechnya was the same kind of autonomy which Tatarstan enjoys. Gen Dudayev did not imme-

The unexpected part of Mr from independent Lithuania diately respond to the offer learning splan was his offer to and the Muslim Russian region but his fighters gave a hint of the likely reaction. "Yeltsin just wants to preserve his job and is pretending to be a nice guy, said Isa Asukhanov, a tebel in southern Chechnya. "They started this war. As long as Russian troops remain on our territory, we will fight them."

Results might not be as im-portant to Mr Yeltsin as impressing the electorate. He has described the Chechen conflict of my presidency", thus show-ing he is capable of acknowledging his mistakes. Now he may be perceived as at least trying to do something about his

self-created problem. The plan might help to get



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recognised his 'authority'

Mr Yeltsin re-elected even if it fails to stop the war. With the exception of Grigory Yavlinksy. who advocates a referendum on Chechen independence, few other politicians have any concrete alternatives to offer; and for economic reasons, many Russians are afraid of the Communists.

Islamic terror link to French siege

MARY DEJEVSKY

French police were yesterday contemplating the possibility of a link between Islamic terrorism, cross-border drug trafficking and a series of ultraviolent hank robberies, following last Friday's fatal sboot-out in the northern city of Roubaix.

A total of five men, presumed gang members, were killed and a sixth - named as Omar Zemiri – is in Belgian police custody after fleeing across the border. Two French policemen were seriously injured.

The Islamic aspect came to the fore after police and judicial sources disclosed vesterday that fundamentalist magazines, some of them banned in France and connected with the Algerian terrorist grouping, FIS, bad heen found at the house raided hy police on Friday, along with a large quantity of firearms. More magazines, weapons and grenades, were found in a car belonging to two of the gang memhers and stopped by Belgian police after the Roubaix raid.

Four of the five dead were of north African origin; the fifth, Christophe Coze, was French, but had converted to Islam.

The Islamic link, which is matter of great sensitivity after last summer's bombing campaign in Paris, had initially been discounted by the French interior minister, Jean-Louis someone with a grudge against Dehre, who described the gang as "ordinary racketeers". There was no question, he said, "either of terrorism, or Islamic fundamentalism". Subsequently, spect, telling reporters: "It is not impossible that some areas of with some areas of Islam."

stolen car parked outside police headquarters in Lille. Police said that several gas canisters had been placed inside the car and had been connected to a crude remote-control device. They were reluctant, however, to talk of a car homh or to moot an Is-

lamic connection. Although some drew a connection with the imminent arrival of President Chirac and foreign dignitaries in Lille for the Group of Seven summit



Stakeout: A police marksman at last week's Roubaix siege

meeting on employment that began yesterday, speculation centred on the possibility of the police, possibly on the fringe of organised crime.

The next morning, however, it hecame evident that police had taken the "car bomb" very however, he was more circum- seriously indeed. Overnight they had staked out a house in the largely north African quargangsterism may be associated ter of Roubaix, long regarded as a centre of the drugs trade Last week's events began and a "no-go area" for police. with a small explosion in a At dawn, they attempted to raid

sive shoot-out which resulted in four occupants dead and the house engulfed in flames.

Two men escaped by car, threw off the pursuing police and crossed into Belgium. Stopped by the Belgian police, one of the men was shot dead: the other ran into a nearby bouse and beld two women hostage until forced out by police. Apparently the only survivor of the immediate gang, he is being held in Belgian custody.

The initial theory was that at least one of the men hiding out in the Roubaix house was connected with a series of unsolved robberies,in the area,. distinguished by the ruthlessness of the gang and the sophistica-

tion of their weapons.

The upsurge in violent, often drugs-related, crime in northeastern France and the relative ease with which criminals could cross the Belgian border was one reason why France refused last year to implement the Schengen treaty on lifting border controls.

There were, however, unusual aspects to the events of last Thursday and Priday which raised suspicions that something more than either money or drugs was involved. The crudeness of the "car bomb" and its placing suggested either extreme amateurishness or a symbolic gesture, possibly both.

Police also expressed amazement that the four occupants of the Roubaix house had apparently preferred to die in the flames rather than surrender.

The disclosure over the weekend that one of the dead men. was a French convert to Islam has really set the alarm bells ringing, and the authorities who were hoping that last year's fundamentalist violence had ended - will now be back on full



Bosnia village left behind the lines

Muslim village, who share a surname and a pretty, shell-scarred village of 250 houses, held out against tank fire, rockets and howitzers. But by the stroke of a pen in Dayton, Ohio, they found themselves living on the wrong side of the line, the Serh-beld side, to the mild embarrassment of their own peace

The Sarajevo Serbs fled in their thousands rather than submit to the authority of the enemy, but the Muslims of Kovacevici are made of stern-er stuff. "Though we are on the wrong side of the line, we will not leave," said Mirsad Kahri-manovic, lolling in the sun with his comrades, taking a break from the communal task of repairing electricity lines. "Why should we? This land is ours."

The view across the lightly wooded rolling green hills is in-terrupted by a bunker some 100 metres away - a Bosnian army position close to what was the front line with the rebel Serb army. "At one time there was a tank only five metres from that house," Mirsad, young and hlond, said casually.

"But although their weapons almost reached the village, their soldiers never came near," added Muzijet Kahrimanovic, a kindly, studious young man.
"They attacked with everything hut the atomic bomh," said Ferid Kahrimanovic, a handsome 40 year old who proves the

A stroke of the pen in Dayton put Muslim villagers in land held by Serbs – and they plan to stay. **Emma Daly** reports

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to detonate incoming artillery

and mortar shells premature-

ly, writes Christopher Bellamy.

The United States Army intends to field the Shortstop

electronic protection system to

defend airfields, barracks, com-

mand posts and US forces on

patrol later this year, according

to Jane's Defence Weekly.

The lightest variant of the system weighs 25lb to 30lb and

exception to the rule that adult around 500, might yet get away: the map on Serb TV was [drawn Bosnian villagers can look 20 a hilateral commission set up to to a scale of 1:300,000. negotiate the changes to the in-"The Serbs never came here elegantly named Inter-Endty

ijet who, like his friends, was others in similar positions may wearing gumboots instead of the still he swapped for uninhabitwere on the wrong side of the Bosnia, who should have assumed control of the area on 19 sad explained. "Well," inter-March, have declined to exer- jected Ferid, "when we first saw

Kovacevici, whose pre-war

American troops in Bosnia are to be protected by a backpack device which uses radin waves device which uses radin waves about \$60,000 (£39,400) each,

Boundary Line meets again on won't in peacetime," said Muz- Friday. The village and several

> "We beard the news that we the [Dayton] map it looked as if the line was east of the village - but then we realised it was

will be delivered later this year.

The incoming shells which Shartstop is designed to

counter use a reflected radin

signal to make them explode

about 30 feet above the ground.

the idea by accident in the Second World War, during the Battle of the Bulge, when in their desperation the American troops fired everything they

had - including very expensive anti-aircraft shells - at the

German ground troops. The

The Americans discovered

The Dayton negotiators made the same mistake. A Bosnian official, Mirza Hajrie said yesterday: "When we came hack [from Dayton] we had not seen the detailed map which was still being printed in the US. We got it 15 days later," Mr Hajric said. "It's one more proof that

Dayton is not perfect."

Kovacevici, however, has no intendon of howing to Dayton.
"The Serb police will not come - they would not dare. If I was Serb I would not dare. I would be ashamed to come here,"

lethal possible height above the ground. Shortstop captures

the signal from the incoming

shell and throws it back, trick-

ing it into detonating as much as 800 metres (half a mile) from

However, the trouble is that

Nevertheless, the United

the warring factions in Bosnia

are not nearly as sophisticated

States forces believe that Short-

against the deadliest shells and

murtar bombs that the former

warring factions might use.

the target it is protecting.

as the Americans.

GIs to get missile interceptors

would happen to them but I don't think they will come." added Muzijet; and anyway, the locals said the only road into the rest of Republika Serpska was virtually destroyed in the war. "They can walk in if they want," said Fedahiga Kahrimanovic - yet another cousin with a smile.

But the men pointing to a deserted village on a hill a few hundred metres away said that local Serbs should return bome. 'Nohody has touched those houses and nobody will," said Fedahiga said.

The Serbs should also start working and living there, repairing their houses," added Mirsad, explaining that villagers who sought refuge in Tuzla during the war were coming bome to Kovacevici too. "We love our village and want to stay here. We could have taken that [Serb] village but we didn't want it.

This loyalty to their land underpins society in the Bosnian countryside. Refugees don't want to be given a house - they want their bouse. And those who held on have no intention of leaving, come what may.

What, they ask was Kovacevici known for hefore the war? "We bad our mineral water," said Muzijet of a famous spring stop will protect key targets in a neighbouring village. 'And good people," Sedahija added. "Bosnian souls," Muzijet concluded with a smile.

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Democrats unite against Nigerian regime

pro-democracy groups said yes-terday they had decided to join forces under an umbrella organisation to oppose Nigeria's

At secret weekend talks in 1986. Oslo and Johanneshurg, 13 organisations agreed to call themselves the United Democratic Front of Nigeria (UDFN) and voted to strive peacefully to restore civilian rule in the west African country.

"We, the pro-democracy oragreed to work together under a common platform, United Democratic Front of Nigeria, to effectively harness and facilitate our activities toward the

statement. The meeting was chaired in Oslo by Nigen an dissident Wole Soymka who won the Nobel literature prize in

"The main point is that the military regime's opponents must speak with one voice, especially in political matters," Mr Soyinka told the Norwegian state radio network NRK.

Nigeria was thrown into political turmoil after the military government of General Ibrahim Bahangida annulled a democratic presidential election in June 1993, won by Chief M K O

The Babangida administra-

Oslo (Agencies) - Nigerian restoration of democracy in tion imposed an interim gov-pro-democracy groups said yes-Nigeria," the UDFN said in a erament headed by Chief Ernest Shonekan with General Sani Abacha as vice president. Gen Abacha seized full power in November 1993 and restored full military rule.

President-elect Abiola has 1994 on charges of treason for claiming his mandate.
"Abacha's rule has been char-

acterised by insolutionalised anarchy, corruption, economic decline and gross human rights abuses. Therefore, the limited sanctions imposed on Nigeria by the US and the European Union have not been effective in forcing Abacha and his

the people ... or to respect the basic standards of international behaviour," the UDFN statement said.

The group set out 10 resolutions rejecting what it called the Abacha dictatorship, calling for the immediate release of all pobeen in detention since June litical prisoners, the implementation of an oil embargo and for all governments and financial institutions to halt debt rescheduling and new loans to

The UDFN will reassemble in eight weeks "somewhere in west Africa" to write the group's formal constitution, said a spokesman at the Norwegian Council for Africa, which hostregime to bow to the wishes of ed the secret talks.



Wole Soyinka: 'Opponents

international

Bureaucrats to take brunt of global UN cuts

DAVID USBORNE New York

Tectering on the brink of bankruptcy and under intense pres-sure to reinvent itself, the United Nations yesterday took the wraps off plans to trim its staff levels by as much as 10 per cent and to curtail its worldwide

The joh-cutting campaign will come as a hammer-hlow to a UN workforce that is already afflicted by hitterness and rockbottom morale. But it is likely to be welcomed by many member states, including Britain, as an overduc attempt at pruning a bureaucracy often labelled as hopelessly bloated and ineffi-

The redundancies will not directly affect the various semiindependent UN agencies, such as the World Health Organisation, but is focused on the roughly 10,000 employees of the UN's core secretariat, primarily in New York, but also in Geneva and Vienna and field offices around the world.

Briefing national ambassadors yesterday, Joseph Connor, the Under Secretary-General in charge of finances, detailed a three-pronged plan to trim staffing that would result in a vacancy rate inside the UN of 6.4 per cent, much higher than ever before. At least 800 posts will be emptied while re- tained in documents that began tirement age rules will be strictly enforced and recruitment vill be frozen.

the UN; an offer of a huy-out equal to a year or more of their regular salary, depending on fairs (\$4.7m), peace-keeping (\$6.4m) and political affairs (\$3.5m). The administratheir length of service; or compulsory redundancy. The measures are to be completed over the next four months.

Mr Connor, who used to be a director of the accounting firm Price Waterhouse, conceded that life for UN employees was already hard. "This isn't a particularly good place to work any more," he commented. "Compensation for civil servants is falling behind, pressures are on and people work 70 hours a week here at the upper levels."

be enacted will be the involuntary firings, when the opportunities for buy-outs and transfers have been exhausted. Officials said these were not likely before July and the final number involved was still uncertain, though it may be no more than one or two hundred.

The staffing reductions have been forced on the UN by a \$154m shortfall in the 1996-97 biennial hudget recently approved by the General Assembly, compared with the draft proposed by the Secretary-General, Boutros Boutros-Ghali. In addition to shedding people, the UN will cut back what it offers in almost every sphere of its activities.

Details of those cuts are concirculating in New York yesterday. Departments slated for large cuts in operating resources Affected employees will face include public information (by one of three possible fates: a as much as \$8m), human rights transfer to another post inside (\$2.9m). Economic Commission

tion and management divisions of the UN will see their budget cut by as much as \$48m.

The impact of the cuts will be widespread and will be felt by almost anyone, including charities and governments, that overlaps with UN activities. There will be fewer UN conferences, fewer publications, fewer reports and fewer UN personnel around the world.

The atmosphere in the corridors of the UN's headquarters in New York, meanwhile, is mo-The last phase of the plan to rose at hest, even among those whose jobs may he secure. "There is despondency, he-cause everyone is aware that everything that they are working on is going to be less effective," one senior official noted. "And everyone notices all the UN-hashing that goes on and that affects morale'

Many inside the bureaucraalso have little confidence that the opportunity will be taken to ensure that it is the deadwood that is jettisoned and not those who are genuinely talented and energetic. "That is an understatement," one source said. "I am sure they will get it

wrong".
Politically speaking, however, some pruning of the UN staff is unavoidable. The US has made it plain that it will not come forward with the roughly \$1.5bn that it owes the organisation unless it proves its willingness to begin serious internal reforms, including some



A senior official with the have people removed to unsafe fear of persecution" if they UN High Commissioner for situations." Mr McNamara said. were forced to return bone.

Greek gripes: Motorcycle enthusiasts protesting in Athens at new taxes on their vehicles and demanding better roads and services

Photgraph: Reuter

Japan adds its voice to scrapping ivory ban

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

The Japanese government is set to be drawn into a fresh environmental controversy about he hanned trade in African ivory. Southern African nations have enlisted the support of Japan - traditionally a leading user of ivory - in talks aimed at amending the United Nations Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (Cites), which implemented a ban on sales of ivory in 1989.

In February, Japanese hureaucrats secretly met at the Mokuti Lodge in Namibia's Etosha National Park with officials from Namibia, Botswana, Zimhabwe and Malawi, who collectively make up the South Africa Centre for the Ivory Trade (Sacit).

Delegates at the meeting. who included representatives of environmental NGOs and the British Department of the Environment, expect to reach a final decision in the next three months. But Japanese officials are quietly confident that they will lend their support to a lifting of the ivory ban, and the issue is likely to be raised at the next Cites convention in Zimhabwe in 1997.

Japan is one of the higgest ivory markets in the world, and almost 4,000 husinesses rely on elephant tusks for the manufacture of jewellery, traditional musical instruments and personal seals, which are widey used in place of signatures. Since the ban, craftsmen have relied on stocks but only 160 tons remain and they will run out in five or six years.

At the same time, African countries are becoming increasingly frustrated by the ban which prevents them from selling off large stocks of tusks, le-gitimately gathered during

official culls.
Half of elephants in Africa live outside the game reserves and, despite culling, they are often a great nuisance to farmers and inhabitants. African officials Photgraph: Reuter | believe that the ban encourages

poaching by driving up the market price of ivory, and fostering an atmosphere in which elephants are regarded as a menace rather than a valuable resource. A controlled trade, they argue, would also generate, much-needed funds for conservation projects.

"When the ban first came in. there was a decline in poaching, but all the indications are that the scale of the illegal trade is increasing," says Dr Malan Lin-deque, Namibia's deputy director of resource management, who set up the February meeting. "People have little reason to tolerate elephants - they are shot, ivory is exported, and there is no benefit to conservation or to society. Our intention is to make elephants as valuable as possible.

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"Our principle is that a decision should be based upon scientific facts," says an official of the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry. "The population of elephants in south Africa is very stable, and the south African nations should he allowed to reopen the trade for the sustainable use of ivory products, In Japan, the ivory industry is very traditional, and we regard it as an important part of apanese culture."

Tokyo's Environment Agency is wary of raising the issue for fear of reinforcing Japan's reputation as a environmental violator. Japan uses the same arguments in support of its call for a resumption of commercial whaling, an issue which has generated international opprohrium. "There's not enough infrastructure in Africa to control an elephant industry," says David Butcher, the chief executive of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). "It's the most likely thing that would lead to elephant extinction. Any-one who said anything to the

contrary is crazy."
Environmental groups also claim that controls in Japan are inadequate to prevent trade in illegal ivory and depend too much on the goodwill of the businesses involved.

UNHCR challenges US refugee laws

Geneva (Reuter) — The United Nations refugee agency, McNamara, said bills before the due to go before the Senate making a rare foray into United States domestic politics, said yesterday it would lohby "at the highest levels" against planned US laws it feared could deny

asylum to genuine refugees.

US Congress to curb illegal immigration could violate the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 additional protocol, to

which the US is a party. "Our concern is that we will

in mid-April, and to which the UNHCR objects, would allow officials to deny potential refugees a judicial hearing if they did not establish in a preliminary interview a "credible

Islamist to lead Sudanese parliament



lines

MOHAMED OSMAN Associated Press

Khartoum - Hassan Turabi, the Islamic leader long considered the power behind Sudan's government, was unanimously chosen yesterday as the speaker of the newly elected

Turabi won a seat in the National Assembly during the presidential and parliamentary elections, held between 6 and 17 March, the country's first such polls since 1986. Before that, he held no official position in the government, despite guiding Sudan's efforts to create an Islamic society.
Sudan has poor relations

to export radical Islam. The United Nations, meanwhile, is threatening sanctions over Sudan's failure to turn over three men wanted for the assassination attempt on the

Mubarak, last June. But Mr Turabi struck a conciliatory tone yesterday. Par-liament's aim, he said, was a "reconciliation among all Sudanese people's forces and a rehabilitation of foreign relations that will seek dialogue, peace and co-operation with the world".

Egyptian President, Hosni

with most of its neighbours, in-cluding Egypt, which accuses Mr Turabi of being the master-mind behind Sudan's attempts

Dressed in white Sudanese robe and head-dress, he was nominated by the former speak-er of the transitional National Assembly, which was dissolved after the elections. His nomination was unopposed by the

400 members of parliament.
All but one of the candidates chosen for parliament were government supporters. Lt Gen
Omar el-Bashir, who led the
1989 coup that hrought the
Islamic fundamentalist government to power, was elected
president in a vote boycotted by opposition groups.

He was sworn in yesterday and promised that his goal would be to end Sudan's 13-year

Baksheesh brings exotic flavour to Paris of East

Bucharest — It may not he the glittering West, but as far as Ahmed Mohammed is concerned, its streets are paved with gold. Adjusting his fez, he smiles as Romanians cast their hungry eyes over his market stall hungry eyes over his market star.
hearing sweets, chocolates, hearing sweets, chocolates, a European setting."
Certainly the rules governing cheap perfumes and coffee. The prices for bulk purchases are all marked but if they want to haggle, he will oblige.

"After so many years of deprivation, Romanians cannot get enough of these goods," he says. Like many traders in the Flora market on the city outskirts. Mr Mohammed is from Iraq, not a country offering the hrightest prospects for would-be entrepreneurs. He is joined by a colourful array of like-minded merchants from Syria and Lehanon and as far afield as China.

Since the overthrow of Communism, Bucharest has become a Mecca for Arabs and Asians, tempted by easy visas and de-mand for the cheap imported goods in which they specialise.

To some extent they also feel at home. This country is neither Europe nor the Orient but is somewhere between the two." says Mr Mohammed, side-stepping a trolley of "Ariel" washing-powder bearing Arabic inscriptions. There is a fluctuation between the white market and the black market. Here

BUCHAREST DAYS

we can thrive." An Egyptian importer put it more succinctly: This is a land of baksheesh in

a money transaction and bribery forming an almost indispensable part of business activity.

Under the Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, Romanians were denied almost all consumer goods and initiative was extinguished. For the foreign traders who got on the bandwagon first, therefore, the country provided rich pickings, with the most successful moving from street stalks and kiosks to open proper businesses, fac-tories and restaurants.

"We have opportunities here that are simply not open to us in Western Europe," says Mr Poland. "Of course we would Mohammed, who plans to open a chocolate factory. "Of course with West Europeans and they we would prefer to be operating out of Germany or Sweden but there is no way those countries would ever accept us."

Under Ceausescu, Romania maintained strong ties with the Arabic world and, to Moscow's annoyance, with China and North Korea. Thousands of

foreign students were invited to Romanian universities and cul-

tural exchange programmes were strengthened. In the aftermath of the 1989 revolution, however, most Romanians hoped the country would turn West and that the West would show interest in Romania. Much was made of its cultural ties to France, its linguistic affinities, penchant for croissants (albeit stodgy ones) and even architectural echoes (Bucharest was known as the

But for all the declarations of support and joy at the overthrow of Ceausescu, few Western countries and companies chose to invest in Romania, most opting for the more prosperous never really came," said Dan Bordea, a market-stall trader our business," says Ali, anoth-who had gone to the Flora to er Iraqi trader. The truth is that stock up on cigarettes at \$6 (£4)

Paris of the East before the war

and still boasts a replica Arc de

Arabs and Asians filled a gap. And personally, I enjoy doing business with them. Not all Romanians share his

sentiment and some feel the sort of resentment usually reserved for the country's large Gypsy community.

Last year Major Florin Iones-cu of the Bucharest police presence of so many foreign traders. They are not really businessmen but are more like explorers digging for gold," he said. "Take the Chinese. They will come here with five shirts and leave two months later with \$10,000 stuffed in a

Nicolae Vacaroiu, the Prime Minister, also claims the Arabs and Asians are little more than "speculators and smugglers' whose presence in the country has had a negative impact. Rather than outlawing them, however, he predicts that they will be squeezed out of the market as the country's economy

reforms and matures. In the Flora market, meanwhile, husiness is thriving "Some people here think that we Arabs are stealing money from Romanians but everything we make is only through the Romanians don't really like a time for cartons of 200. The us here but they do like our goods - and especially our cheap prices."

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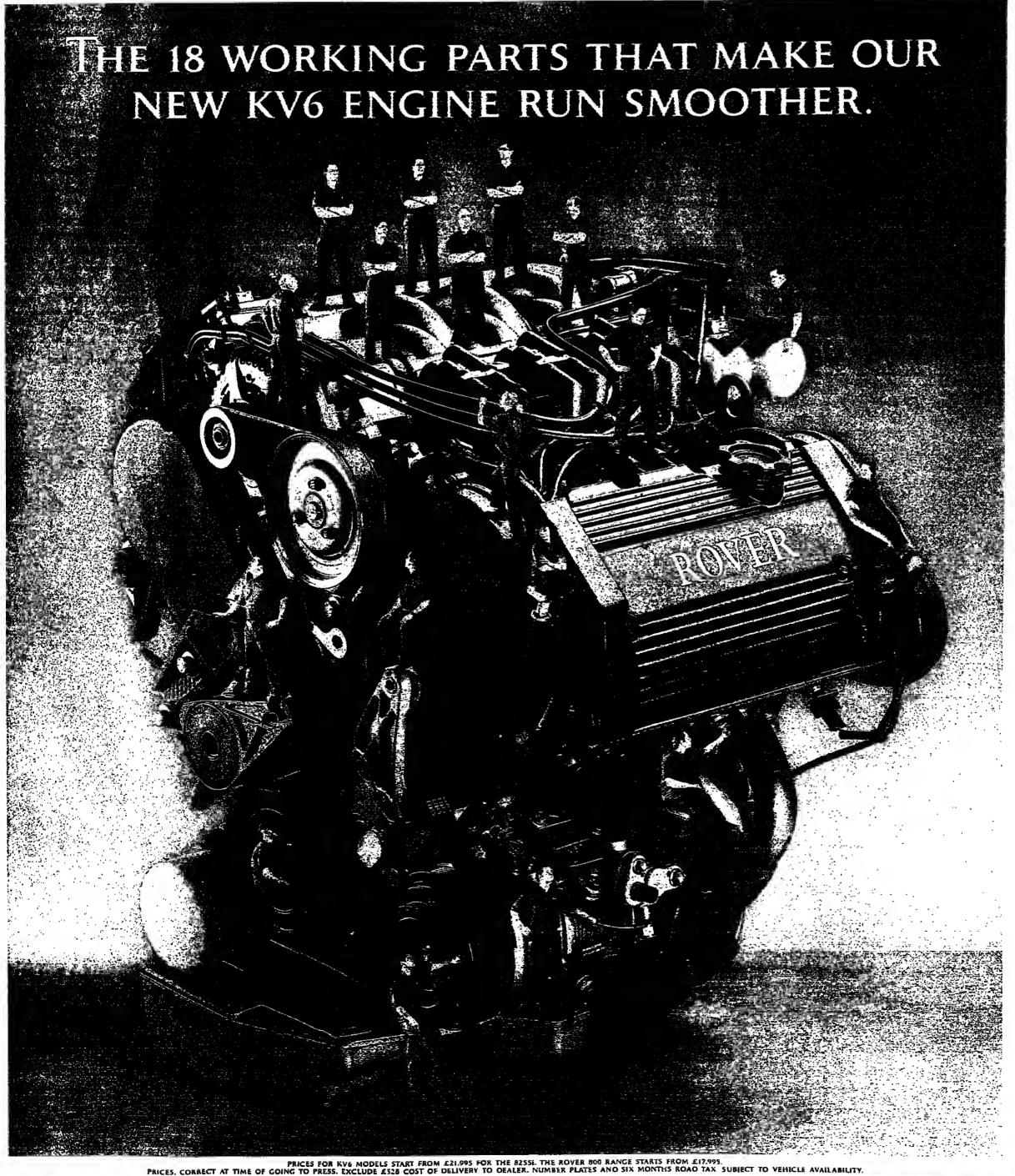
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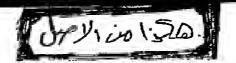
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Siege convicts demand top guns

PHIL DAVISON Latin America Correspondent

To your average hostage-holding prisoner, the negotiators' offer might not have appeared too bad. Cash, getaway cars. guns and ammunition to ensure a clean getaway. The two dozen Brazilian pris-

oners holding hostages in a jail south-west of Brasilia, however, were not satisfied. They demanded weapons more powerful than the .38 pistols they were offered and souped-up cars able to outrun police pursuers.

The demands of the prisoners at the Agro-industrial penitentiary in Aparecida de Goiania have led to a tense crew, Although the inspection of more than 100 immates after

stand-off and fcars of a massacre if police move in. The inmates were vesterday still holding 23 hostages, including the prison director and a television crew, whom they seized during an inspection tour last Thursday.

The hostages were said to be surrounded by canisters of cooking oil, which the inmates were threatening to blow up. Led by one of Brazil's best-

known criminals, 25-year-old kidnapper Leonardo Pareja, the inmates took advantage of the inspection to grah hostages including prison director Nicola Limongi, local officials, police officers and the television a reference to a 1992 massacre

was to check reports of overcrowding - there were almost 1,000 prisoners in the jail instead of its 450 capacity - the hostagetakers' aim appeared to be simply to escape. The vast majority of the inmates did not take part and have heen moved.

In full view of cameras, the hostage-takers staged a football match in the prison yard on Sunday, running around the pitch with pistols in their hands.

In an emotional appeal to po-lice not to attack, Mr Limongi appeared on a prison wall with a pistol trained on him by an inmate. "Brazil doesn't need anofficer Carandiru," he shouted,

a prison riot in Sao Paulo. When the prisoner fired a shot in the air, watched hy millions on live television, the prison director shouled "for the love of God" and sohbed as he asked his family to "forgive me for my mistakes". Looking on from police lines, his son shouted have strength dad, I love you".

After a negotiating team met Pareja on Saturday, the authorities agreed to give the prisoners five cars, pistols, am-munition and about \$25,000 in cash in return for the release of 18 hostages. The five remaining hostages would have left with the prisoners, one hostage in each car.

Pareja then demanded faster

cars and "state of the art weaponry" and said that he would not talk again until today. Some police officers at the scene implied that the drama could be over by then hut would

not say why. Meanwhile, four separate prison riots were reported in Argentina at the weekend after a failed break-out at one of the jail's. A woman judge who had tried to negotiate was among 15 hostages being held at the Sierra Chica prison near the town of Alavarria. Inmates were demanding

Relatives of the prisoners, mostly women, began gathering outside Sierra Chica early on faster treatment of their cases. Sunday and some were allowed better conditions and greater briefly through the heavily armed cordon of guards. visiting rights. The three other riots appeared to he in solidar-

IN BRIEF

Peres to hold peace referendum

Jernsalem — Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday that he would hold a referendum on any final peace agreement with the Palestinians. His pledge appeared aimed at undecided voters in forthcoming elections who fear that he would make too many concessions to the Palestinians.

Negotiations on the final status of Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip, as well as the future of 144 Jewish settlements, are to begin in May. Mr Peres was speaking as he left for a visit to Oman, the second by an Israeli Premier to the Gulf Arab state in less than two years.

Algiers closes Spanish news bureau

Madrid — The Spanish newspaper El Pais said yesterday that Algeria had withdrawn its Algiers correspondent's accreditation. effectively closing the newspaper's hurcau. El Pais said the Algerian foreign ministry gave no official explanation hut that its press chief told the newspaper's correspondent Ferran Sales the government disliked his coverage and resented the fact that he pressed to recognize on Moreover was also reporting on Morocco.

Liberals withdraw support from Yeltsin

Moscow — Five major figures in Russia's liberal movement, including human-rights activists Sergei Kovalyov and Yelena Bonner, said yesterday they would not support President Boris Yeltsin's re-election hid but would hack liberal economist Grigory Yavlinsky (right). currently an outsider, in the presidential election. Their declaration, and the creation of a public committee to back Mr Yavlinsky, was a sethack for Mr



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Tehran must condemn terrorism, says EU Rome — A European Union delegation will visit Tehran today y, to tell the Iranian government that the future of its dialogue with d Europe depends on a firm condemnation of terrorism, diplomats u said yesterday. The troika of senior officials from Italy, Spain and e Ireland hoped to continue to Libya.

UFO spotted near Saudi oil refinery

Duhai — An unidentified flying object was sighted last week in Saudi Arahia's oil-producing eastern region, a Saudi newspaper reported yesterday. "Flying saucer illuminates Juhail," said the headline of a story in al-Eqrisadiah. The story said that the Thursheadline of a story in al-Equisacian. The story said that he day night sighting was reported by a group of people who were a camping north of the Gulf coast city of Juhail, site of the king-understand oil refinery.

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200 feared dead in Haiti ferry disaster

Port-an-Prince - About 200 people were feared dead after an 4 overcrowded ferry sank off the coast of Haiti on Thursday, Ra-1 dio Haiti Inter reported yesterday. The ferry Lavi Wonn went down off Les Irois, a coastal town in south-west Haiti, the report said. Poor communications in rural Haiti were said to have delayed news of the disaster from reaching the capital until yesterday.

Russia plays fool with diamond grenade

Moscow — A Moscow military factory has developed a diamond-studded grenade so that Russia's newly-rich gangster class can' send their enemies to oblivion in style. At least, so said the normally staid Itar-Tass news agency. "The use of such a grenade will leave your one-time rival in a sea of beautiful sparkling gems, rather than in a pool of hlood," the hoax story said. Retuter

Lost contact with Cambodian kidnappers

Phnom Penh, Cambodia — Authorities have failed to regain contact with the kidnappers of a British land-mine removal expension and his Cambodian interpreter, an official said yesterday. Christopher Howes, 36, and Houn Hourth, 30, were working for the British-based Mines Advisory Group when they were seized by a group of armed men on March 26. They were last seen alive last Wednesday by intermediaries for the government. AP

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Dante Giacosa

In his career Dante Giacosa spanned the golden age of motor manufacture. As the leading design engineer of Fiat from 1946 to 1970 he was effectively head of all Fiat car proects and, in that more individualistic age, was one of a handful of men around the football club. He wanted a world who could effectively control the output of a great car company. "Giacosa made Fiat what it is today," says Paolo Cantarella, the current managing director of Fiat Auto.

Giacosa joined Fiat in 1926. In the studios of the magnificent new Lingotto factory in Turin Giacosa learned engine design from the famous older Fiat designers such as Tranquillo Zerhi and by 1932 moved in to the aero-engine section. Giacosa had an innate sensitivity and tact and noted that "the draughtsmen, who were older than I was and the mainstay of the section, began to respect my abilities without feeling put out by the fact that I had an engineering degree". The identification of Giacosa

with a peculiarly Italian style of popular car hegan with a re-quest in 1929 from Senator Giovanni Agnelli, co-founder of the Fiat company (and grandfather of the present head, Gianni) to design an economy car that would sell for 5,000 lire.

This was the period when economical small cars were being developed in all the industrialised European countries. Giacosa's new 500cc vehicle, originally called the Zero A, first ran in 1934. It was a triumph of engineering subtlety, squeezing a four-cylinder engine and a hody which could take two adults and two children into just over three metres' length.

The tiny car also had independent suspension and out-handled many larger con-temporaries. The radiator was squeezed in hehind the engine for compactness which allowed a sharply sloping nose. The whole thing looked rather like a clockwork mouse and the Italians loved it and called it Topolino" (the Italian name for Mickey Mouse).

During the Second World War Giacosa worked again on aero engines but also began planning a post-war range of economy cars. However, when the war in Italy ended he hecarne involved in what seems, in the light of his commitment to utilitarian vehicles, a surprisingly frivolous project - the Cisitalia racing car - and although tiny numbers were built it was, however, an important achievehrainwave of a mercurial entrepreneur, Piero Dusio, then the president of the Juventus small racing car to establish a materials. standard low-cost formula for post-war competition.

Giacosa who, like many then

at Fiat, had no definite duties, was allowed to do the design work. He adapted the standard Fiat 1100cc engine and various Topolino suspension parts with a light and elegant tuhular chassis which surprised some colleagues, one remarking, in dialect. "Ngenere! che curage . . . quel telaio in tubi" ("Engineer. what a nerve - that chassis made of tubes" I. The sight of a squadron of these beautiful little single-seat racers, completed amidst post-war dereliction. lifted Italian self-respect when they raced at Valentino Park in Turin in 1946, piloted by pre-war aces like Tazio Nuvolari, Piero Taruffi and Louis Chiron and represented a symbolic and psychological regeneration for

More important than the single-seat racer was the stylish Cisitalia coupé. With a streamlined sports-car body "Pinin" Farina clothed Giacosa's drivetrain with an almost perfect form. This defined the post-war Italian line in automobile design which was to make Turin a global centre for design (an example is displayed in the Museum of Modern Art in New

Returning to mainstream automotive work Giacosa started rehuilding the whole Fiat range. However, he is best re-membered for the tiniest cars he huilt, because they are such a marvel of design integration. The Fiat 600, launched in 1955, was intended to repeat the trick he had pulled off with the Topolino, but this time four adults could be seated.

To gain even greater compression of the engine and drive-train Giacosa opted to condense them behind the passenger compartment and even used the engine radiator fan to blow warm air forward for heating. The tiny vehicle was exactly what Italy needed in the years of recovery for it combined extraordinary economy with the ability to fit into tiny Ital-

million were built. There followed an even smaller car, the Nova Cinquement. Cisitalia was the cento (launched in 1957), the conceptual successor to the Topolino, in which extraordinary steps were taken to refine the use of steel and save

What, from the perspective of the 1990s, seems fascinating in these tiny utilitarian cars is also how they expressed a clear nationality. The Cinquecento was Italian as the Morris Minor was British - a luxury of cultural identity which has been extinguished by design convergence and globalisation.

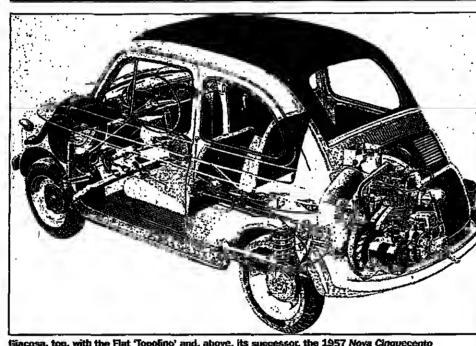
Not all Giacosa's projects were utilitarian. There was also an intriguing 8-cylinder sports car (the 1952 8V) and an experimental gas turbine car, which expressed the expansiveness of the regenerating Fiat Company. In England the Rover company sawed the roof off an 'Auntie" Rover when it wanted a test-vehicle for the new power plant. Fiat, instead. built a new car with fabulous Buck Rogers styling, huge fins and a tail-pipe which screamed

Giacosa, like Alec Issigonis came at a certain moment in the evolution of industrial organisation and was one of the last designers who could virtually dictate the whole progress of a car himself; indeed he said, "I have never considered it necessary to discuss projects in meetings with a number of other people during the phase of conception and design." In addition he was in effect head of all Fiat auto projects from 1946 to 1970, an extraordinarily long period in control of the design of a major car company.

Nevertheless, he was intensely modest and thoughtful about industrial culture, noting in his fascinating account Forty Years of Design with Fiat (1979): "Discipline is a spontaneous emanation of culture and upbringing ... without culture and hence discipline there can never be freedom." His remarkable qualities earned him the deepest respect at Fiat and in Turin and throughout the car

Andrew Nahum Dante Giacosa, engineering designer: born Rome 3 January 1905; died Turin 31 March





S. Schoenbaum

the heroes of Shakespeare scholarship, yet his voluminous writings can be seen as preliminary studies for a culminating to prevent him from writing. He wanted to write a major biography of Shakespeare and, like E.K. Chambers hefore him, he set about the task by planning a series of preparatory

volumes. Early works on Thomas Middieton (Middleton's Tragedies: a critical study, 1955) and on problems of attribution in Elizabethan dramatic authorship (Internal Evidence and Elizabethan Dramatic Authorship, 1966), and a revision (1964) of Alfred Harbage's Annals of English Drama, 975-1700, laid the groundwork. He turned directly to Shakespeare, in the masterly Shakespeare's Lives (1970, revised 1994), an encyclopaedic but immensely entertaining study of earlier investigations into Shakespeare's hiography which includes a long section on what he called "Deviations" - attempts to demonstrate that Shakespeare did not write his works.

Next came William Shakespeare: a Documentary Life (1974), a meticulous and splendidly produced investigation of the primary materials accompanied by photocopies of all the relevant documents which he went to great pains to examine himself, wherever they were located. This was supplemented by a no less impressive companion volume, William Shakespeare: records and images (1981). On the title-pages of these, as of all his works, he appears as "S, Schoenbaum"; he had an aversion to the use of any longer form of his name in print.

In the meantime had appeared a compact version (1977) of the Documentary Life. Although he saw this only as the last stage in the process of limbering up for the comprehensive biography that would have crowned his achievement, it remains the fullest, most scholarly, and most readable account of what is known about Shakespeare's life. Like all Schoenhaum's mature work it is characterised by learning lightly home, and by a prose style that combines high intelligence with a marvellous play of ironical wit.

All this was achieved along with a husy career as a university teacher - mainly at Northwestern University and later at 1996.

Sam Schoenbaum was one of the University of Maryland, where he was Distinguished Professor of Renaissance Studies; as an editor, as a contributor to learned journals, and as book that his long last illness was a reviewer of books, theatre, and cinema, in which he took a keen interest.

Sam Schoenbaum's dedication to scholarship never stood in the way of his enjoyment of the good things of life. In great demand as a speaker, he travelled extensively, usually accompanied by his wife, Marilyn; he liked to recall that their first date had been at a performance of Othello starring Paul Robeson. He enjoyed good wine, food (cooking it as well as eating it), and restaurants. He was gregarious and made friends easily, he always had time for a gossip, he liked to amuse, he was kindly to young and old; there was no malice in him. On the jacket of the Documentary Life he is portrayed, not uncharacteristically, holding a glass of brandy. He once told me with puzzled burt that this had caused much ill feeling. His worldly success provoked envy in some of his colleagues, but he took great pleasure in his friends' successes, and was

unfailingly generous in criticism. It must be over 10 years now since multiple scierosis started to slow Schoenbaum down and to reduce his output. Cancer was to be added. He continued to work, but the big book on which he had set his sights never came into being. I last saw him in Washington two years ago, already bedridden and wraith-like, but patient in affliction and tended with selfless devotion by his wife. A volume of essays planned to celebrate his achievements is about to be published; it will, as all who have contributed feared it might, turn out to be a tribute to his

lines curse

The same of the sa

Samuel Schoenbaum, English scholar: born New York 6 March 1927; staff, Northwestern University 1953-75, Franklin Bliss Snyder Professor of English Literature 1971-75; Visiting Professor, King's College London 1961; Distinguished Professor of English, City University of New York 1975-76; Distinguished Professor of Renaissance Literature, University of Maryland 1976-93, Director, Center for Renalssance and Baroque Studies 1981-96; married 1946 Marilyn Turk; died Washington DC 27 March

Hugh Falkus



rates a reel holder - an Mustration to his book Speycasting: a new technique (Excellent Press, 1994)

In 1984 Hugh Falkus published Salmon Fishing, the book that has become the bible for a generation of anglers. Together with his earlier Sea Trout Fishing (1962), this has brought the adventure of gamefishing into the lives of thousands of enthusiasts. Falkus's fishing books, which also include Freshwater Fishing (co-written with Fred Buller, 1975), have been in print non-stop since they were published and seem set to remain in print for ever. They are the fruit of many years of hard fishing, long observation and keen experiment.

Falkus was a hunter who studied his prey with unflagging zeal. He worked harder, longer. more intensively, than any angling writer 1 have known, and took great pains over every page. He would sit up half the night to make one perfect sentence. Between huge draughts of whisky he applied the most

formidable concentration. He site, above his desk, in the would often fish all night and work all day, leaving his companions pole-axed. in a career of non-stop ac-

tion, he was first a Spitfire pilot in the Second World War. Shot down over France and imprisoned for four years, he was a constant menace to his jailers and in one camp famously captured and casseroled the Kommandant's favourite cat. After the war, he found work as an actor and scriptwriter at the BBC. He began making films with the BBC Natural History Unit and achieved an important success with Signals for Survival (1968), a documentary made with the Nobel prizewinning hehaviourist Niko Tinbergen about communication between seagulls. This superb film won the Italia Prize the following year and was Falkus's proudest achievement. The prizewinner's

study of his Cumbrian home. Falkus's wildlife films included Tender Trap (1974), about carnivorous plants. The Riddle of the Rook (1973), and

The Signreaders (1964). When the BBC Natural History Unit eventually roved further afield in its quest for new films than Falkus was willing to travel, he switched to a more autobiographical mode with his Self-Portrait of a Happy Man (1976), filmed in the Esk valley, where he lived for 40 years. This he followed with Salmo the Leaper (1977) and his last film, set in Scotland, Highland Story (1979).

Falkus's films are crafted with great skill. Once, during the making of Salmo the Leaper, I happened to be on the river hank with the camera crew when Falkus was setting up a short sequence showing the passage of a spinning lure through the water. The cameraman was submerged, filming the lure as it was cast in front of him. After an hour of this I got bored and wandered away upstream. Returning two hours later, I found the team in the same position and the unfortunate sunken cameraman still at his task. That scene lasts a few seconds in the finished film, but Falkus had to get it just right.

l met him in 1976, following publication of the revised edition of Sea Trout Fishing. In the text of this most inspiring of all fishing books, he referred to the value of what he called "nature detective work" in understanding animal behaviour. I suggested there might be a book in that idea, and in 1978 Nature Detective appeared. I took Falkus to the studios at Pebble Mill in Birmingham for a live television appearance. In the course of his interview, with the timing of a born showman, he suddenly brought from his pocket the wing of a tawny owl and explained how the feathers were constructed to allow the hird to glide silently upon its prey. Then he produced the foot of a peregrine falcon and showed its killer thumh talon to the camera. After he had overrun by several minutes, the producer managed to switch to the next item, but no, there burst out all round the studio loud and prolonged applause from the audience as Falkus

strode to the anteroom. In

there, the telephones started

ringing. Who was the man with the owl's wing, and where could one get his book? It was his first hit. With the proceeds he built a sumptuous garage.

Apart from fishing, he was a great wildfowler, having started as a boy on the Essex marsh-

es with his father as instructor.

He wrote a charming book

about his boyhood, The Stolen

joys of his youth spent roaming mudflats, reedbeds and shorelines, hunting, fishing and sailing. In his final period, he taught fly-casting, becoming the top instructor in the country for those who could stand the pace. His last book. Spevcasting (1994), is the result of his experience as a teacher. He was already ill and often in pain while the book was in preparation, but stuck to the job with immense courage.

David Burnett

Hugh Edward Lance Falkus, fisherman, naturalist, writer, filmmaker: born 15 May 1917; murried 1939 Doris Walter (one son. one daughter, and one son deceased: marriage dissolved), 1951 Diana Vaughan (deceased), thirdly Lady Margaret Vane-Tempest-Stewart (marriage dissolved), 1957 Kathleen Armstrong; died Ravenglass, Cumbria Years (1965), which evokes the 30 March 1996.

Births, Marriages & Deaths

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MANSFIELD: A service of thanksgiv-ing for the life of Peter Mansfield will be held at St Stepheo's Church, Gloucester Road, London SW7, on Thursday 9 May at 12 noon. Enquiries to 0171-373 8414. Announcements for Gazette BIRTHS MARRIAGES & OEATHS (Births

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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS
The Queen visits HRH Princess Christian's Hospital, Window. Berkshire. The Prince of Wales visits the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund's new Doy Centre, Macmillan House, Bushop Auctiand, County Outham; visits Sunderland University's St Peter's Campus. Sonderland University's St Peter's Campus. Sonderland Trust, visits Gibside, Newcastle upon Tyne; and as President, flustness in the Community, visits the Ford and Pennywell Community, visits the Ford and Pennywell Community College Advice Centre and the Pennywell School, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, Princess Alexandra ultrads a performance of the St John Fusion by the Orchestra of St John's Smith Square, London SWI.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Oueen's Life Guard at Horse Geards, Ham; is Battalion Weish Guards mounts the Oueen's Guard, at Backingham Paince, 11.30am, band provided by the Grenader Guards.

Forthcoming

marriages Mr C. H. G. Glvn

and Miss C. Agnew The eogagement is annou tween Caspar, soo of Mr James Glyn, of Tawau, North Borneo, and Mrs Lucinda Glyn, of London SW10, and Christine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Agnew, of Myrtlefield Park, Belfast.

Birthdays

Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second ea Lord, 53; Sir Jack Brabham, rac ng driver, 70; Sir Graham Bright MP, ; Mr Linford Christie, athlete, 36; Mr Richard Collinge, cricketer, 50; Sir Richard Dobbs, former Lordtenant of County Antrim, 77; Mr George MacDonald Fraser, writer, 7t; Mr Paul Gambaccini, hroadcaster, 47; Miss Catherine Gaskin, romantic novelist, 67; Mr Brian Glover, actor, 62; Mrs Myra Greeo, director of the East European Partnership, VSO, 58; Mr Raymond Gubbay, concert promoter, 50; Sir Alec Guinness, actor, 82; The Right Rev Richard Hawkins, Bishop of Crediion, 57: Mr Barry Hills, racehorse trainer, 59: Sir Ian Hunter, impresario, 77; Miss Penelope Keith, actress, 56; Sir Peter Middleton, a deputy chairman, Barclays Bank, 62; Maj-Geo Christopher Popham, former director, British Atlantic Commince, 69: Mr Michael Rizzel-

Anniversaries

Births: Hans Christian Andersen, aupainter. 1827: Emile-Edouard

lo, sculptor and coin designer, 70; Sir

Denis Rooke, former chairman.

British Gas. 72; Vice-Admiral Sir

Hugh Thompson, 65; Miss Suc Townsend, writer, 50.

Charles-Antoine Zola, novelist, 1840; Max Ernst, painter and sculptor, 1891. Deaths: Vibbaji Ranjitsinghi, Maharaja of Nawanagar, cricketer, 1933; Cecil Scott Forester, novelist, 1966; Georges-Jean Raymond Pom-pidou, President of France, 1974. On this day: the Royal Society was granted its Charter, 1663; Argentina invaded and captured the Falkland Islands, 1982. Today is the Feast Day of Saints Apphian and Theodosia, St Francis of Paola, St John Payne, St Manuel Feast St. Nicothur Micro

Mary of Egypt, St Nicetius or Nizier of Lyons and St Zosimus.

Lectures National Gallery: Neil MacGregor, Nicholas Penny, Colin Wiggins, "Re-laying the Passioo", 1pm. RIBA Architecture Centre, London W1: Professor Hiroyuki Suzuki,

Highgate Literary and Scientific In-stitution, London N6: Gillian Tindall and Theo Richmond, "Quests: the search for lost worlds", 7.45pm.

"Young Japanese Architects",

Baroness Faithfull

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Baroness Faithfull will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Thursday 6 June. Those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 6, 1 Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey, London SW1P 3PL, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted on 24 May.

Dinners

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Malcolm Rifkind QC MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Com-monwealth Affairs, held a dinner yesterday at 1 Carltoo Gardens,

London SW1, in honour of Dr Klaus of the Federal Republic of Germany.

certificate occupied a prime

Chatham Dining Club Mr Harry Verney was in the chair at a meeting of the Chatham Dining Club held yesterday evening at Si

Ermin's Hotel London SW1. Mr David Trimble MP was the principal

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Butterworth was in the chair at a lecture and dinner discussion held yesterday evening by the Foundation for Science and Technology at the Royal Society, London W1. Professor Sir Robert May introduced the evening on "Younger Scientists and Engineers. It's Their Future". Dr Tracey Turner, Dr Mark Cliverd, Mr Rikard Andersson, Mr Adrian Colyer, Ms Alexandra Walker and Dr Steve Young also spoke.

Royal Over-Seas League Mr Tony Hams, environmental adviser to the Local Government Management Board, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Royal Over-Seas League's Discussion Circle held yesterday evening at Over-Seas House, St James's, London SWI. His subject was "Local Agenda 21 - Community Activism". Mrs Matri Radeliff presided.

British Library

The Second Annual Douglas Bryant Lecture, which was to have been held on 2 April, has had to be cancelled due to the withdrawal of the speaker, Dr James Billington. The British Library apologises for the short notice of this change, and regrets any inconvenience caused. For further in-

Life returns to the world and to us

The riddle of the shifting date of Easter always 1 April or (if we have to keep it on a Sunday) the first Sunday of that month? Can we not fix the date, as we do at Christmas?

In fact the date of Easter is set so that the seasons collaborate in our worship. It is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. This means that, as the days are already longer than the nights and getting longer, spring is with us and the year is changing. It is changing quite visibly all around us. The change is probably most visible in the countryside, but even in the towns there are green shoots on trees and plants pushing through the earth. The celebration of Easter is very much tied in with what is happening in nature. The words and images we use in Easter worship reflect the changing of the seasons.

When he first approaches the Pharaoh (Exodus v, l), Moses asks that the people be allowed to go out into the wilderness to "keep a feast" in bonour of God. The Pharaoh refuses, and the battle of wills goes on until the destroying angel of God sweeps through Egypt, killing all the firstborn.

The children of Israel are spared because they have painted their doors, as they were told to do by God, with the blood of the lamb they have sacrificed. They survive, hurrically eat their Passover supper and escape through the Red Sea into freedom. Passover, however, cannot refer simply to the night of the escape from Egypt, but must also refer to something that had been happening already, the celebration

continues to puzzle and even annoy people. Would it not be better if Easter were Arguments (Faster

Kieron Conry, of the Catholic Media Office, continues our series of meditations for Holy Week with a consideration of the meanings concealed by the timing of the festival.

for which Moses had asked Pharaoh's permission.

The word "Passover" is often taken to refer to the angel of God "passing over" the children of Israel and visiting the houses of the Egyptians. The Jewish word pesach does contain the idea of passing or leaping over. But, curiously, it also means "to jump" or "spring". Passover, then, probably refers as much to the spring of the year as to the flight of the angel. The word "spring" itself is related to the idea of "bursting out", an image that is easily connected to the tremendous energy of this time of year.

The origins of the Jewish people seem to have been, first, nomadic. They depended on their flocks for their livelihood. Later they appear to have settled down and become farmers, raising crops and tending livestock. Each spring was crucial, then, for their future, It would tell them if the flocks were breeding and if the crop was successful. When the earth did prothe people thanked God, and offered back of new life.

to him some of what he had given. A lamh would be taken from the flock and bread made with the new wheat.

Passover is a celebration of the return of life in spring after the apparent death of the earth in winter. Like the Christian Easter, it is rooted very strongly in the earth. It is not clear why it is celehrated on the night when the moon is full. When Moses and the people wanted to go out into the desert to celebrate, however, they wanted to go out at night. Passover is an evening meal. Although it may appear that there was a purely practical reason for wanting the light of a full moon, presumably there is more to it than this. A long way back in the origins of this celebration, the moon must have made a much more powerful impact on people's consciousness as they tried to find their place under a vast and mysterious sky.

The images of Easter have the power of this cosmic drama. Christ is buried in the earth, and for the disciples at the time the promise of a spring seemed empty. It was as if the crops had failed and the flock not hred. Where was life to come from now?

The accounts of the Resurrection in the Gospels do not attempt to describe the event itself. This would be impossible. They talk instead about the women finding the empty tomb. All the Gospels make the point that it is early in the morning on the first day of the week. Our own word "Easter" surely refers to the place where the sun rises. We celebrate the Resurrection of the Son with the rising of the sun. It is a new day, and the spring of a new year. vide them with food for the coming year It is a dramatic picture of the beginning

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The referendum rules

The Chancellor Kenneth Clarke and the Prime Minister are playing political poker over whether to promise a referendum before Britain joins a European single currency. **Donald Macintyre** explains why the stakes are so high that Clarke may resign

It had looked so ingenious as a means of uniting the party. At Cabinet level the idea had originated with Douglas Hurd, when he was Foreign Secretary. The commitment never to enter a single currency without a referendum had long been a totem for the Tory backbench right. What Hurd did with his customary intellectual elegance was to draw up terms in which, so he thought, that could be acceptable to pro-Europeans

Hurd's idea was not that the Prime Minister would make an open promise to hold a refer-endum if and when the issue of a single currency came to the boil. Instead, the Hurd plan was that the Cahmet would recommend entry to a single currency in a referendum, only once i had taken the decision to join. That means the question would be reasonably positive: Do you [with the Government] believe that the UK should enter a single currency?" What's more, unlike the last referendum on Europe in 1975, the Cabinet would take collective responsibility and cam-

paign for the decision. This promised a dangerous dilemma for Cahinet Eurosceptics: supposing the Cabinet did decide in favour of the single currency, then Michael Portillo, perhaps Peter Lilley, and prohably Michael Howard would have to resign. And if the nation voted "yes", the Eurosceptic cause might be set hack for a generation.

It is an understanding of this threat posed by the anti-EU Clarke's objections - believing wily political logic that has persuaded the more grown-up Eurosceptics to oppose the promise of a referendum. Portillo is opposed, though he has also heen careful to make it clear that he will abide by a majority decision in favour of a referendum. John Redwood was opposed, but changed his mind before last summer's

leadership contest.
All of which raises a simple question: why did Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine

Referendum Party, funded by Sir James Goldsmith. Once this concession was under their belt, the Europhobes would demand more. Last week a little noticed statement put out by the former "whipless" Euro-rebels said that they want a referendum on Europe beyond the question of a single currency.

That is music to Sir James Goldsmith's ears, and a sign that Clarke's fears are far from groundless. The issue of a referendum has become a symbol not accept the idea? If Major of Clarke's general vexation at

What Clarke and Heseltine fear is that this is a case of 'give 'em an inch and they'll take a mile'

had decided to rule out Britain joining a single currency in the next Parliament, that would have heen a resigning issue for the two Cahinet ministers most attuned to the case for EMU. But surely the question of holding a referendum was a secondary, or even as one Cabinet memher put it last week, a

"tertiary" issue? What Clarke and Heseltine fear - beside having an objection in principle to referendums as a means of deciding policy - is that this is a case of "give 'em an inch and they'll take a mile" in the face of a combination of neo-Thatcherite, Europhobe creeping appeasement of the

All of which brings us to the interesting question of why Lahour has not stolen a march on the Tories as they agonise. After all, Tony Blair has already gone quite far in making it clear that Lahour would require the people's assent, either in a general election or in referendum. There are least two reasons why Labour has not gone that further mile: first it could look like mere political opportunism, second there are differences within the Shadow Cabinet over the issue - with Gordon Brown, the Shadow

that the financial markets would react badly to the possihle delays to Britain joining a single currency caused by a Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, has been more inclined to push for a referendum pledge that would have trumped the Tories.

But even if Blair were inclined to go down that route there is a pressing tactical reason for not doing so just now: if Clarke and Heseltine were to win the argument tomorrow, it would be obvious that Major had climbed down, thus weakening his position. This is just what Labour would like. A Labour pledge to hold a referendum would under-cut Clarke and Heseltine and make Major's task easier.

Clarke is not alone. Heseltine agrees with him in principle and could yet be entrusted with the task of peacemaker. John Gummer, Sir George Young and Sir Patrick Mayhew are thought to be sympathetic. It is even possihie - theoretically - that pro-referendum, pro-Europeans such as Stephen Dorrell might pull back if the alternative was the Chancellor's resignation. But a formidable majority, which includes John Major, the party chairman Brian Mawhinney, and the For-eign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind are ranged against Clarke.

This is a good-old fashioned Cahinet row heing waged for high stakes. Expect some intense political poker playing



Europe's curse of the plebiscite

come was a large majority, 67.2 per cent to 32.8 per cent, in favour of staying in the European Economic Community (EEC). as the forerunner of the European Union

The decision to stage the referendum split Harold Wilson's Labour g. "armment between pro-Europeans and a. -EEC rehels and forced him to suspend the doctrine of collective cahinet responsibility during the campaign. However, with most ministers and opposition leaders in favour of EEC memhership, the result appeared to deliver a decisive answer to a question that had dominated British foreign policy since the Fifties - whether to be part of the new Europe being huilt hy France, Germany and other EEC states.

But, quite frequently, referendums have produced results quite opposite to those intended by the political elites who called them. That is the risk facing the Government, or a Labour government, if it cam-paigned on the basis of joining a single currency. They risk heing publicly rehuffed. One example was the June 1992 refer-

endum in Denmark, which rejected the EU's Maastricht treaty on closer European union by 50.7 to 49.3 per cent. It was not

In June 1975, when Britain held a refer- until the Danish government secured a Lendum on its future in Europe, the out-variety of opt-outs, including one from the have a way of not always turning out the single currency, that the treaty was approved in a second referendum in May 1993 by 56.7 to 43.3 per cent.

The initial rejection humbled many EU leaders into recognising they had taken too little account of public opinion when devising the treaty. The Danish vote and a subsequent French referendum that approved the treaty only by a whisker partly explain why the EU's integrationist amhitions are more modest than five years ago.

Earlier Europe-related crises in Denmark were also settled by referendums. In 1982, the people of Greenland, who had won home rule from Denmark in 1979, voted to end their membership of the European Community by 53 to 47 per cent.

Referendums have also played a key role in Norwegian debates on Europe for more than 30 years. The two referendums on the issue – in 1972 and 1994 – have both produced "no" results.

Voters in Switzerland, traditional home of direct democracy, cocked a snook not just at the EU but at their own political and industrial establishments in 1992 when they decided not to join the European Economic Area (EEA), a single-market zone covering the EU and several small states.

On domestic issues, too, referendums way that leaders planned them. Charles de Gaulle, usually a master tactician where referendums were concerned, had to resign in 1969 after he lost a vote on reforming France's regional government system.

In Poland, a referendum in November 1987 paved the way for the collapse of Communism. General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Polish leader, sought popular approval for a package of political and economic reforms but failed to win the required support of 51 per cent of the electorate. It was damning evidence that Poles were impatient for reform and quickly led to the relegalisation of the mass opposition movement Solidarity

The lesson of post-war Europe is that the outcomes of referendums are rarely foregone conclusions and popular sympathy for the EU is low. Still, that partly depends on the question being asked. Three years before Britain's 1975 vote to stay in the EEC, France held a referendum on whether to allow the British (and Danes and Irish) to join. A decade of de Gaulleled opposition to Britain fell away as the French voted resoundingly yes.

Tony Barber

Edward Heath, the then prime minister leading the pro-Europe Campaign in 1975 Nationwide referendums, by decade N and S America Australia and N Zealand Total Switzerland Up to 1900 1901-10 1911-20 1921-30 1931-40 1941-50 1951-60 1961-70 1971-80 1981-90 1991-93

you mink there should or should not be referendum on whether the pound sterling should be part of a single European currency? Should be a referendum Should not be a referendum-No opinion/don't know

And if there were a referendum on whether or not Britain should be part of a single European currency, how would you vote?

For a single currency Against a single currency No opinion/don't know

and against Britain joining a single European currency to be able to vote confidently on the issue in a referendum if you had to do so tomorrow?

31%

On Britain joining a single currency, which have you heard

The arguments for The arguments against!

Source: Gallup Dec 1995

Daring escape from the Cabinet

What jnh can you give the man who has done everything? f refer to Tristan Garel-Jones, the farmer fareign office

minister who has decided to step down as an MP. He tells his local paper, the Watford Observer, that he

wants to spend mure time with his family and with the Union Bank of Switzerland in the City. The 55-yearold MP for Watford, a former deputy

chief whip as well as foreign office minister, clearly valued the variety of those two posts as he shoves modesty firmly aside to say: "I have done it all and seen it all, so I suppose there was very little

for me to do. But what about a post in the Cabinet? For the man who has seen and done everything? You must be kidding. Mr Garel-Jones goes on to say: "When I left the Foreign Office a couple of years ago, somebody stopped me in the House and said it was a shame because I could have made it into the Cahinet. And to that I sald: 'Precisely, that's why I'm leaving.'

I had no interest in it at all." It's a revealing sign of the times, and of the state of the Conservative Party, that the spur to an MP leaving the House is the thought that if he stays he might end up in the Cahinet.

Moving the goalposts

Reading beat Oldham at football over the weekend, a fact of interest only to the citizens. the citizens of Reading and Oldham, and helievers in the paranormal. For Reading now have the services of Uri Geller, the Israeli who sprang to fame

in the Seventies bending spoons and forks on BBC TV with such consummate ease that he was later employed by the CIA to use his psychic powers to erase computer discs held by the KGB.

Well, we all mellow in middle age. And now Mr Geller has forsaken espionage and fork-bending to try to help his local football team. Reading FC. After all, if you can bend forks, you can

No fairweather supporter, our Uri.
Last season he concentrated all his powers by walking 48 miles to Wemhley to watch Reading in a play-off for promotion to the Premier League, but they lost

to Bolton and missed a penalty to hoot. And this searelegation in the

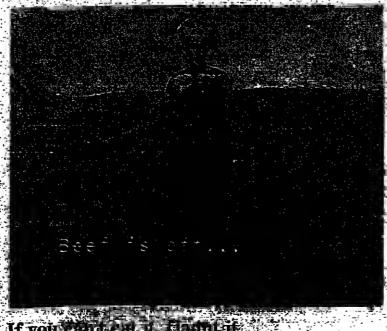
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face. What went Mr Geller tells the new edition of Q magazine: It's going to be all right, I tell

you. Don't give up hope. I might invite the players over to my home just to give them a good surge of psychic energy. You have to do that sometimes because we use only 10 per cent of our minds."



Eagle Eye's British Press Awards part



Beef a Lesias becomes have the The gay friestyle magazine aminde a time peep rates? The commanity for its less to be broaders? The cows, and the now all-too forms more than a time of the same of the

Yes. With another 90 per cent it could be Reading versus Real Madrid in the Millennium European Cup ... Or Division Three and a misshapen cor-

Press awards, minus the press

Total

2: Following yesterday's award to the Financial Times for forgetting to get any of their entries in on time, I have one more booby prize to hand nut. Guests at the awards ceremony may have naticed there was no table for the Observer. The cause of this oversight and winner of our prize - is the UK Press Gazette, the awards' organisez, which admits that all 40(!) of the Observer's nominations were mislaid. Roy Farndan, editor of the UK Press Gazette, says it was the awards PR company that mislaid the entries. He added: "We were amazed and extremely annuyed that this should happen." As presumably was the

Violence – it was ever thus

And finally, a special seasonal award to the two middle-market newspapers that were taken in by the April Fool which appeared in this column yesterday. The alleged BBC season of violent and sexually explicit plays was, of course, a description of works by Shakespeare. So my apologies to the BBC press officer who was woken just after midnight by the two papers anxious to follow up this scandal. And to the BBC education department, which tells me it has been bombarded with calls from viewers objecting to the new

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The dream of secure jobs

In each generation a political leader rises to power by appearing to pull off a trick. For Harold Macmillan it was persuading us we had never had it so good, even as economic decline was accelerating. For Harold Wilson, arcb tactician, it was persuading us he bad a vision of Britain remade by the white heat of technology. For Margaret Thatcher it was making us believe individualism and enterprise had created golden years of growth in the mid-Eighties, rather than low interest rates and inflated house prices.

The trick a politician must pull hoping to command the mid-Ninenes is already clear: to combine a belief in markets and competition with a commitment to provide people with a sense of security and well-being. That is the context for the G7 jobs summit that ends today in Lille, France. The paucity of good ideas has been exposed already by the descent of the debate into a ritualistic clash of two false armies, the deregulated approach of Britain and the US, against the regulated approach of continental Europe. Neither provides the answers we are looking for.

The Anglo-Saxon model of deregulated labour markets has a much better record for creating jobs than Germany or France. where unemployment is likely to rise even further in the next few years as they cut public spending to squeeze their economies into the straitjacket imposed by Economic and Monetary Union.

That does not mean our approach is without flaws. Indeed they are all too obvious. The jobs we create are invariably too low quality: low skill, poorly-paid jobs often in the service sector. This is in large part a reflection of our disastrous record in education and training, which lags far hehind that of Germany and France.

Britain gets only two-thirds of its young people up to an "intermediate level" - the equivalent of five good GCSEs, while Germany gets 80 per cent up to the advanced level, equivalent to A-levels. Sir Ron Dearing's proposals to reform qualifications, published last week, are testimony to how little has been achieved on this front despite wave after wave of

reform in the past decade. Both John Major and Tony Blair have

the weekend that he recognised the need to combine change with security. But be did not bave much to offer and nor can we expect much. Troubling long-term issues such as the funding of higher education bave been put firmly on the back burner until after the election. Mr Blair's stakeholding idea, though still dreadfully vague, is an effort to persuade people they have a stake in a society that seems to be

moving beneath their feet.

A Germanic model of stakeholding. based on a strong manufacturing sector highly regulated by agreements often negotiated centrally by employers' associations and trade unions, would not work in the UK. It's a non-starter for an open, competitive, decentralised economy that is largely hased on service industries in which unions have little clont. Impos-ing a Germanic model based on codetermination upon British companies will not work. Re-regulating the economy through the introduction of a minimum wage may help some workers in low-paid jobs but it may also reduce overall employment creation without doing much to make society fairer or work more secure. Expecting the welfare system to provide a safety net is unrealistic: voters in work will not stump up significantly more taxes to pay benefits for those out

What might work, bowever, is stakeholding as a form of contract between the state, the individual and employers. Instead of lifetime employment with a company, there should be lifetime training, retraining, counselling and advice to belp people switch careers in mid-life. These lifetime learning accounts - an idea that Lahour has already picked up in part - should be contributed to by employers, the state and the worker. Mortgages and bealth insurance should he tailored to serve people who will he in and out of work, often on short-term

This is the trick, to combine Britain's entrepreneurial culture and service-based economy with measures of security that do not rely on heavy-handed state intervention or regulation. Either the Conservatives or the Labour Party could pull grasped that this is a theme they cannot ignore. Mr Major told the Tory faithful at a long way from succeeding. off this trick. Both are trying. They are still

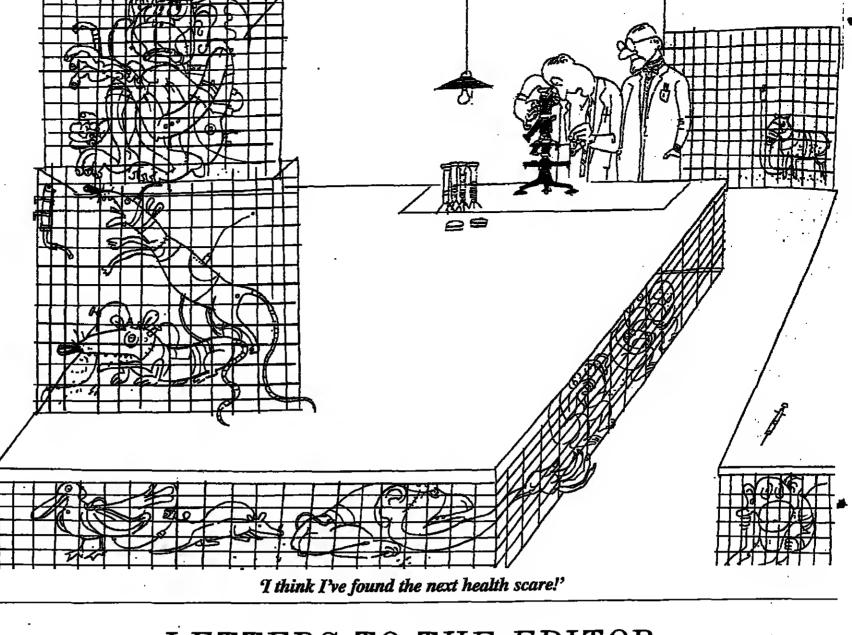
The BBC's challenge

Sir Christopher Bland, the new chair-man of the BBC, is an accomplished deal-maker who demonstrates - not for the first time in British life - that in rising to the top, who you know is as important as what you know. Politically, he is a Tory trusty. His appointment in the dog days of this government may not be quite partisan enough to demand immediate replacement by a Blair government but it is hiased enough to give the country's non-

Tory majority grounds for mild anxiety. Except that Sir Christopher's party allegiances are far less important than his capacity to think imaginatively and strategically about non-profit broadcasting in the multi-media future. For all the policy units and advisers in Suites at Broadcasting House, the BBC often produces second-rate futurology. The problem is partly the BBC leadership's almost complete inability to sell (to staff as well as the outside world) a sense of excitement about the opportunities of the rapidly changing media climate. It is also a problem of circle-squaring. The Government demands the BBC both serve this (fissiparous) nation and compute internationally with the Murdochs, CNNs and others. The objectives may he incompatible.

Let us assume Sir Christopher's footwork is nifty enough and he survives the election. His priority should not he the way the BBC is run, heyond deciding who succeeds John Birt as director-general. Sir Christopher must avoid the trivialities of the Marmaduke Hussey era. He must think strategically about the structure and culture of a business which needs both to compete and to serve.

Sir Christopher must watch television. start to listen to music radio, surf the Net and huy programmable CDs. "Broadcasting" is no longer circumscribed by a hard and fast definition. The principal public service hroadcaster cannot he held responsible for a national culture pummelled and shaped by global waves of technology and cultural commerce. Nor is it likely to be able to survive as it is. A good chairman of the BBC as the 21st century dawns should bave one question constantly on his lips: bow much longer can this anachronism persist, so admirable yet so out of date. In his previous joh as chairman of London Weekend Television be came up with some very good wheezes to retain talent, motivate managers and win the franchise. He will need that savvy and a lot more to succeed at the BBC.



- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Why official theories may hide the true nuclear risks

Wednesday's report from the Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment (Comare) gives the impression that radiation has been cleared of hlame for the Seascale leukaemia cluster, because doses from Sellafield are too low, Raw sewage,

we heard, is a more likely culprit. However, official perceptions of health hazards from radiation depend crucially upon studies of the long-term effects of a single acute blast of external radiation from the Hiroshima A-bomb. There is now a large body of evidence that these studies are a poor basis for assessing health damage from chronic, low-dose exposure to radiation from man-made fission products, which may be ingested and incorporated into body tissue. By 1958, the area around Seascale had been plastered with 5,000 hecquerels per square that nuclear power plants play an metre of the isotope Strontium-90-that is more than 10 times the ters, not just in Sellafield but levels of Sr-90 from nuclear weapons testing that shocked offi-

cialdom into promulgating the 1963 international test-ban treaty. We are glad to see that the

No alternative to

transferable vote

Sir: The position of the Liberal

Democrats on electoral reform is

unchanged. We favour the Single

Transferable Vote as the system

best designed to reflect fairly in

Parliament the voting prefer-

Your report (1 April), which claims that I have "intimated" Lib-

eral Democrat willingness to con-

sider the Alternative Vote system

and "suggested" modifications to

it is wrong on both counts. Like

others in all parties who recognise

the distortions produced by the

present "first past the post" vot-

ing system, I do look for cross-

party support for electoral reform where it may be found, but what

the reformers seek is a properly

proportional system. The Alter-

native Vote is not that system.
ROBERT MACLENNAN MP

House of Commons

ences of the electors.

Sir: Press coverage of last Comare report expresses reservations about "current knowledge" of radiation hazard, and admits there are "uncertainties regarding internal radiation exposures" and an "urgent need ... for improved knowledge".

In the House of Commons two days before the 10th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster a symposium organised by the Low Level Radiation Campaign and Medact will discuss the health effects of low-dose Internal radiation. We are looking for research and funding proposals such as the Comare report also calls for. RICHARD BRAMALL

Low Level Radiation Campaign Builth Wells, Powys

Sir: Raw sewage may have its part to play in the cluster of leukaemia found in Seascale, but having recently studied the issue, I feel important role in leukaemia clusaround the country.

Roman and her colleagues, & Basingstoke and Hampshire district bealth authority data, tions about freedom of informa-

understand of the current state of

1) There may he a link

2) BSE may be passable from

one generation to another and may therefore be latent in young

3) BSE may he present throughout the meat of infected

cattle through the nervous system.

herds which have never been

What would reassure me is a

policy of selective slaughter of

infected herds and promotion of

healthy ones. I spoke recently to

a farmer on the island of Coll,

who said that be buys his cattle

from Ireland, where this selective

culling policy has been in force.

4) There are a large number of

between BSE and CJD.

knowledge is:

affected by BSE.

catile.

within which lie Aldermaston and Burghfield MoD sites, with Harwell UKAEA research establishment a few miles away, found 29 cases of leukaemia and cancers in children aged 0-4 years old where only 14 cases were expected. Goldsmith (1992), studying leukaemia incidence in the vicinity of pre-1955 installations, found 165 observations where 133 were expected from regional data and 141 expected

from comparison area data. Did Professor Bridges examine the possibility that plutonium attached to silt and mud in the sea had been washed up on local beaches and had subsequently been inhaled by children and adults like? A few grammes of dried silt inhaled from Cumbrian estuaries is enough to satisfy the annual inhalation dose limit for adults. CAROLINE I BUSTARD

Coventry

Sir: The fears of GPs on Benhecula about a link between Chernobyl and increased local British Isles. when examining West Berkshire cancer rates (report, 1 April), and the ongoing heef scare raise ques-

Sir: I am not reassured by the I would be happy to eat his cat- were used, which laid white eggs

government policy to exclude the the hut at present have no means maturally. By selective hreeding meat of older cattle from the food chain. As a consumer, what I beef on the market. naturally. By selective hreeding and crossing, the modern small hybrid was produced, which lays

Sir: As a poultry keeper. I must

Marr's otherwise excellent article

"Town vs Country" (29 March).

Colouring in poultry feed is to give the yolks more colour. In

hattery hens these would he pale

and insipid; the naturally golden

yellow colour comes from free-

range hens eating grass and other

with the breed of bird. The rea-

son for the idea that hrown eggs

are free-range and white are bat-

tery produced comes from the

early days of battery farming, when smaller Mediterranean

breeds such as white leghorns

The shell colour is purely to do

correct one statement in Andrew

SUSAN CARSTAIRS

Arisaig, Inverness-shire

BSE: slaughter infected herds, not old cattle

tion, vested interests and public accountability.

The number affected by CJD is less than the number of Lottery millionaires. The Government repeatedly tells us that there is no certainty about the dangers, hut has nevertheless ordered a rohust response to minimise the risks.

Conversely, we have concrete evidence of the effects of radiation. In the words of the International Commission for Radiological Protection, "Any exposure to radiation may carry some risk for the development of somatic effects, including leukaemia and other malignancies and of hereditary effects." Where is the sweeping govern-ment action to eradicate the risk of radiation-induced cancer? The Government reaffirmed earlier this year that it is still not safe to eat lamb from sheep hred in parts of Britain because of a nuclear dis-aster which occurred 10 years ago and 1,500 miles away, and now there may be a causal link between

hybrid was produced, which lays

Sevenoaks Weald, Kent

brown eggs to satisfy consumer

Sir: Beef is not the only problem.

accompanied by genetically engi-neered vegetables. Some of these

(e.g. soya beans) have heen

designed to tolerate high levels of

very toxic berbicides. Some (e.g.

brassicas) will incorporate

pyrethroid-type insecticides. Oth-

ers are engineered to conceal the

visible signs of rotting (tomatoes).

Do we really need or want any of

these? They have been hred for the convenience of the suppliers

rather than the eaters.

Mrs J M Fasham

Very soon our meat will be

JANET BLOOMFIELD Chair. CND

PAT DAVIES

Switch off TV addiction

Sir: Regarding Peter Popham's article, "Perils of a zap-happy life" (25 Marcb). Up to the age of two my son became increas-ingly drawn to television, switching it on first thing in the morning, without bothering to eat hreakfast or say good morning to his parents. It was then difficult to prise him away and the TV's noise made it impossible to listen

to the radio or read a paper. I asked my son, would he like to go and play football in the park? No, came the reply. Would he like to ride his hike in the park? No. Would he like to go swim-ming? No. What would he like to do? Watch television. And then one day I heard myself describe my child as hard work, when I really felt that I hardly knew him.

It was clear. The TV had to go. The first TV-free month was, in my experience of child-rearing. the hardest thing I have ever Chernobyl and cancer rates in the | done. Weaning James off television involved organised activities. all day, every day, from early morning to bedtime and he resented the fact that the television had been removed. After about a month, however, things changed dramatically; he started to forget about the TV, mornings were relaxed and our son was conversing with us.

Getting rid of the TV was the best thing we have ever done as it gave us a period in which to adjust in peace and quiet. We now select which programmes we watch, discussing what the programme offers us, and my children watch about four bours' television per week.

LINDA BROWNING London SE3

Sir: Peter Popbam's article states the obvious - that too much TV is not good for kids. He doesn't state the other obvious - that children don't bave to watch all the

TV that is offered to them. As I write at 4pm my two children, far from watching TV, are out in the pouring rain playing football. When they do watch an hour or so of TV it is to give them a hreak between school and their many other activities. There isn't time in a busy child's life for too much TV. It is up to the parents to ensure that the button stays off and the child does other things too.

PAULA SAUNDERS

An open and shut-eye account of libel

How much do you know about the law? Do you always know when you are breaking it? How good a jury member would you make? Do you even think you would shine as a barrister?

Well, here's a little test for you to find out. Read the account of the following fictional court case and then say what you think the verdict should be. Once upon a time, there was a columnist of a daily newspaper, who

found himself increasingly mesmeriscd by the performance of Michael Howard, the Home Secretary. It seemed incomprehensible to this columnist that Mr Howard should ever have been made Home Secretary, since his arrogant smugness seemed matched only by his inability

to become one of the great magiste-

rial bome secretaries of all time. The columnist was not the only one who felt that Mr Howard always seemed to be making the wrong decisions - he was constantly being told by various judges and courts that he was making the wrong decisions.

The columnist therefore felt that he was not imagining things. It was true that Mr Howard seemed to be the wrong man for the job of Home Secretary. Not only did he seem smug, arrogant and unmagisterial, but be also seemed to enjoy standing up at Tory Party conferences and making rabble-



MILES KINGTON

rousing speeches, in which he threatened to crack down on crime using various measures, none of which appeared to be enacted, except his favourite project of building more prisons.

Mr Howard even declaimed that prison worked, although all the evidence showed the opposite. In other words, be not only seemed smug, arrogant and unmagisterial, he also seemed to bave a gift for self-deception. He was also accused by various people of having knee-jerk policies ie policies that were brought in hastily and thoughtlessly in order to appease

public reaction. Occasionally his knee-jerk reactions got him into trouble, like when he unreasonably sacked Derek Lewis, the head of the prison service, who promptly sned bim for unfair dismissal. The Home Office doled out large amounts of public money to calm Mr Lewis down, a tacit

admission that Mr Howard bad

Mr Howard, however, did not admit that be had made a hig error. This was because he not only seemed smug, arrogant, unmagisterial and prone to self-deception, be also seemed to be incapable of ever admitting he was wrong about anything, perhaps on the grounds that if he started admitting be was wrong about the things be had been wrong about, it would take up too much of his working day.

Most of the time the columnist wrote about other things hut, from time to time, he was so incensed by the spectacle of Mr Howard that he lambasted him in print, saying that he seemed to be the most smug, arrogant, unmagisterial, self-deceiving and rabhle-rousing Home Secretary since homes and secretaries were invented.

Nothing ever came of this, of course. Columnists do not change things and nobody ever pays attention to them. Even so, the columnist would sometimes lie awake at night and wonder if he had gone too far. He would always be careful to say that Mr Howard seemed to be all these things but, at the same time, he felt vaguely surprised that he had never had a libel writ from Mr Howard.

One day, the columnist decided to

allay these fears by, rather oddly, inventing a libel case. He told his readers that he had received a writ for libel from the Home Secretary, which

he would be fiercely contesting.

He then proceeded to describe the details of the writ and, by and by, the progress of the court case, including the testimony of the main witnesses (who included Mr Lewis) and the words of the counsel involved. He also invented Mr Howard's testimony in tbe witness stand - a rabble-

rousing effort if ever there was one. All of this, as his readers well understood, was fictitious and frivolous. So the columnist was more than somewhat surprised to receive a real writ for libel, from Mr Howard, who claimed that he had falsely invented a libel case involving Mr Howard. Therefore, Mr Howard was suing the columnist for libel, the libel being that Mr Howard had sued the columnist for libel which, Mr Howard claimed, he bad not done hefore although he was doing so now.

The case dragged on for weeks, and many witnesses appeared in court, including Mr Lewis.

Just as the case was coming to an end, the columnist woke up, so he never found out what the verdict would have been. What do you think it was?

SARAH SMALLEY

Short-sighted **West Bank raids**

Sir: The detention of Palestinian Bank since the Oslo accords.

The Israeli army gave as one reason for the arrests the need to round up students "staying in these areas illegally".

Bir Zeit University in the West Bank offers a number of courses not available at institutions in the Gaza Strip. Under the Oslo Declaration of Principles, the Israelis pledged to treat the West Bank and Gaza as a single unit. They have not done so, and young people from Gaza who obtain university places in the West Bank are required to have special permits. These are issued for a very limited period and the authorities may then confiscate or fail to

Palestinian access to tertiary education will promote and protect the desire for peace; mass round-ups and hlindfolding students will have the opposite effect. They will make young people even more susceptible to the argument by groups such as Hamas that negotiation has failed and political violence is therefore legitimate.

Divorce: children must come first

students at Bir Zeit University (29 March) shows how depressingly little has changed on the West

renew them.

hoom industry.

Hindhead, Surrey

Sir: How much I agree with Christine Roe (letter, 28 March). The Divorce Bill should be amended to create a presumption against the granting of a divorce while there are children of the marriage under 16. That presumption could be rebutted, but only against specified criteria, and after a court welfare officer had recommended that the children were more likely to be harmed by the continuance of the

marriage than its dissolution. STEPHEN G'LINSTEAD Solihuli, West Midlands

Logomania

Sir: 1 April 1996 marks the start of the Weish Year of the Logo. From Monday, 37 district councils, eight county councils, nine district health authorities, eight fire brigades and their logos all bit the dust. In their place we have 22 unitary authorities, five district health authorities and four fire hrigades, all with new logos. Where were the share tipsters' calls to invest in logo designers, printers, sign writers, crest designers? It must be Wales's

RUSSELL DEACON

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How Ireland got

its martyrs

Sir: Perbaps more significant than the anti-Irish propaganda of Gerald of Wales (report. 20 March) was the prophetic answer he received from the Archhishop of Cashel, whom he reproached for the lack of Irish martyrs.

"It is true," said the venerable gentleman, "that although our people are very harbarous. uncivilised and savage, nevertheless they have always paid great honour and reverence to churchmen, and they have never put out their bands against the saints of God. But now a people has come to the kingdom which knows how, and is accustomed, to make martyrs. From now on Ireland will bave its martyrs, just as other countries."

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Changing the chemistry of politics

The Liberal Democrats and Labour are edging towards agreement on reforming the voting system

Before the dam breaks, tiny, harely visible cracks appear. Over the in a confessional. fissure has appeared in the smooth wall of the British party system. It isn't easy to spot, coming in the form of a hint from some unnamed Liberal Democrats about something called the Alternative Vote. It may be early, telling evidence of a higger and more ruthless event.

But to understand wby, we need to start with some tribal history. Since the first neolithic Liberal activist emerged from a dank cave full of hison bones (or since the party stopped winning general elections, at any rate) the Liberals, and then Liberal Democrats. have been committed to a particular kind of voting system, called STV. This is proportional - a long word for fair and complicated.

It requires large constituencies, from which up to five MPs are elected. And Liberals love it, overwhelmingly, unconditionally, beyond reason -rather like small girls love Barbie and Germans love beer.

Similarly, every good Liberal is taught, at an early age, to fear and detest another kind of voting system, known as the Alternative Vote, or AV. In hrief, this means that no candidate can win a seat without baving more than half the votes; every voter getting second and third choices to he redistributed if necessary

To you, dear reader, this may not seem particularly shocking. But Good Liberals regard it as akin to incest. or reading the Daily Mail. Because AV is not really proportional, or fair, they see it as a swindle. So the news that leading Lib Dem parliamentarians are signalling their interest in

So what are they up to? They are having private conversations with the Labour Party which may lead to a dramatic reshaping of the British political system.

Up to now, the centre-right of British politics has kept itself together as "the Conservative Party", while the centre-left has often been divided. This simple fact has shaped 20thcentury Britain - its hierarchies of power, its distribution of wealth, its distinctive and unusual class system. The eclipse of the Liberal Party by Labour, and later Labour splits, helped to ensure that, despile the achievements of the post-war Attlee government, this bas been fairly called

"the Conservative century".

The great question for Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown is whether they can change the basic chemistry of party politics to fuse the centre-left and divide the centre-right. Proportional representation might have that effect. If Blair believes there is a prowelfare state, pro-Europe majority in the country, he could, just possibly, unite it under his personal leadership a way that the Tories would then find very difficult to shift.

Even without that, both opposition parties see the advantages of campaigning on the theme of "all Britain against the Tories". No one is seriously suggesting an electoral pact. But a campaign which saw Lahour and Lib Dem politicians repeating similar policy ideas and arguments - and avoiding attacks in one another -

would convey a new message One version of such a deal would work like this. Blair, already commit-



Tony Blair knows that the potential rewards are enormous

ted to a referendum on voting reform. accepts that he cannot go through a general election without saying whether or not he favours change. He takes a deep breath and says that, on halance, he thinks we do need a fairer system, thus demolishing the higgest remaining policy difference between the parties.

But which system might he change to? STV would mean redrawing every constituency boundary. It would be fiercely fought not only by the Conservatives hut also by very many Labour MPs. The other main system is a "list" system, which continues with single constituencies but adds extra Members from central party lists and is detested at Westminster because it would create two classes

Though there are endless bybrids and variants, the other main system is AV. Its effect would be very different from STV. One projection of the 1992 results by the London School of

John Major actually won; Labour would have had one less and the Lib Dems would have had 10 more.

Under STV, by contrast, the Tory tally would have fallen by 80, and the Lih Dems would have rocketed up. Such figures are speculative and not universally accepted - Vernon Bogdannr, who has devoted more time to the subject than almost anyone, disputes the very modest AV projections.

But however you play, it the difference between AV and STV is dramatic, the difference between redecoration and demolition. During the past two attempts to change the system, in 1917/1918 and in 1931, the pro-change case fell partly because of bickering between supporters of AV and STV. This time, change would probably be dependent on Labour and the Liberal Democrats agreeing which system they could live with.

Hence the significance of any Liberal Democrat tilt towards the once-despised AV. They may hope that once Blair has started moving, his own logic will drive him further. But they seem prepared to do husiness. One reason is given by a Liberal Democrat candidate writing in aparty magazine, The Reformer.

"There are very few seats where we come a good second to the Labour Party, suggesting that if we don't make significant gains this time, it is going to be an awful lot harder next time. ... There appear to be very few seats that will easily fall our way by attacking Blair." he wrote.

There would be no talk of a formal

Economics implies very little change. Coalition or of cabinet seats for Lib-Under the AV system, the Tories eral Democrats. But the party would would have had 11 fewer MPs than eral Democrats. But the party would urge voters to vote tactically against the Conservatives, and get similar support from Labour, thus maximising the and-Tory mood. And if Blair won, the Lib Dems would support him in Parliament on issues including Scottish home rule, a hill of rights and perhaps education reform, while helpng to offset the Labour left on issues like Europe.

There are plenty of senior Lahour people who view such a deal with deep suspicion. After years of trying to keep the lid on Labour's spending plans. for instance, Gordon Brown would not relish trying to defend Liberal Democrat expenditure commitments, which be is known to regard as wildly

over the top.

But Blair is clearly intrigued by the thought of spreading his "project" widely enough across the spectrum to give him 10 or 15 years in power rather than a Labour leader's usual four or five. He talks eloquently about pluralism. He has focused his objections to voting reform on the possibility of extremist parties gaining seats, and on support for the single-member con-sultuency; both of these are objections which, as he must know perfectly well, could be answered by AV or a list

He is, in short, doing some serious thinking. Blair knows that the balance of probability is that he can win on own; that he doesn't need to take this risk. But he also knows that the potential rewards are enormous. And as the man said, flashing an immodest smile at a press conference last week, be's always helieved in upping

Gels just want to have fun

The Season opens tonight, but débutantes want unwedded bliss not marriage, says Libby Spurrier

years, to a royal hirthday present. In 1780, for her 36th hirthday, George III gave his wife, Queen Charlotte, a party at which the newest and pretflest girls in town were presented to her. This charming and (at that time) novel idea hecame the launeh pad of the London "Season". The girls, known as débutantes (from the French for "beginner") were formally presented to the sovereign, after which they floated off like a flock of young swans on the waters of London's social life. The significant fact was that they had seen their sovereign face to face: proud fathers and fussing mothers had been identified ("yes, she's one of the Yorkshire Swales" people would say for ever afterwards), and the girl could now head screnely for the Sea of

Until the end of the 19th century, there were only between 5,000 and 10,000 members of the fitled classes and landed gentry, and most people lived within borse-and-carriage range of only a few dozen: bence the need to come to London to command a decent selection of marriage pariners. Money and property have always been important elements in a "good marriage" see Jane Austen, passim - but connections, or what the aristocracy called "cousinage", were even more vital. Being well born was more important than being well heeled.

Between 1780 and 1930, the shape and purpose of the Season remained basically unchanged. A family that was too poor, or disinclined, to accompany its fledgling to London for three months (from May till the start of the grouse-shooting season) could use a chaperone to drag her from ballroom to hallroom. Originally, this might be a married sister or an unmarried aunt, though in due course the practice was corrupted and paid chaperones were used - but

always sneered at. A marriage market is, in always been about - which is why, today, it has become no more than an illusion. Few "gels" are docile enough to take much notice of their parcobahitation has taken hold. For pretty, witty, confident

girls the season could be highly enjoyahle; but then, for girls those unfortunates who were

The origins of the London shy, plain, bookish or simply gauche, the Season was a night-mare. Debs from the Thirties remember spending half the night in the ladies' powder room, pretending to stitch a fallen hem rather than face the ordeal of a dance floor full of strangers. Today's more assertive young women would be more likely to retire to the ladies' powder room for quite another sort of powder. Times have changed, and with them the Season.

The fundamental change is that a woman's sole destiny no longer has to be a lifetime of marriage and breeding - first children; then dogs and borses. Two world wars have trans-

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formed the social landscape. During both wars many young women worked in hospitals. and in the second, served in the armed forces. They found that even lowly and harrowing work could be more satisfying than marriage and domesticity, bowever grand. In any case, there is always a shortage of eligible young men and a superfluity of heart-broken young women in

the aftermath of war. Finally, the class structure was changing and with it the money hasis of the aristocracy. The upper classes were getting poorer; many could no longer afford to spend tens of thousands of pounds in search of a suitable husband for an increasingly rehellious daughter.

For all these reasons, what today purports to he the Season is a shadow of its former reality. Truc, there are still events such as the Berkeley Dress Show, which opens the Season tonight, and Queen Charlotte's Ball, but these have to advertise for recruits in girls' boarding schools, and are labotruth, what the Season has riously puffed into life by an army of snobbish PRs. In reality, these have become occasions at which rich businessmen make good contacts while their wives try to set up a ents' wishes in the matter of a future social life against the hushand, and, even among the upper classes, the practice of ters bave flown the coop most probably not into matrimony at all, but to go backpacking in Nepal, share a flat in Fulbam or even to live in like that most things are. For unwedded bliss with some quite unsuitable fellow.

The Real World fights back

Today, an extraordinary coalition will challenge the Earth's enemies: pollution, poverty and paralysis. Paul Vallely reports on a movement that aims to rewrite party politics

It is not, says Jonathon Porritt, a new political party. Definitely not.
You might he forgiven for thinking

Nature, Christian Aid, Charter 88, and Church Action on Poverty.

The project has heen four years otherwise. Today, in that establish-ment hinterland between Whitehall gestating. It hegan after the last elec-tion when Mr Porritt and others had and St James's, Mr Porritt and fellow ravellers will launch Real World, a political grouping with suggestions to make on everything from tax rises, crime and unemployment to traffic pollution, stress at work and poverty in the Third World.

But if - unlike Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party - they will not be putting up candidates at the next general election, Porritt & Co make no secret of their intention to change the nature of the political debate in Britain in the run-up to the election so that a different set of issues comes to the fore.

It may not be an idle intention. Real World is a coalition of 32 campaigning charities and pressure groups which between them already claim more than 2.1 million supporters.

People instinctively know that British politics is not at present facing up to the challenge of the real world," says Mr Porritt. "Politicians ask why the feelgood factor basn't returned," adds another of the coalition's leading lights, the economist Michael Jacobs, research fellow at the Centre for the Study of Environmental Change. "It is hecause people are not feeling good about the society in which they live.

Politicians make the mistake of talking about the standard of living entirely in terms of how much money people bave in their pockets after tax. But quality of life is different from standard of living. Having more disposable income does not buy you out of the problems caused by crime, air pollution, traffic congestion, stress at work and job insecurity. In the real world - in which ordinary people live - the quality of life seems to be falling in many areas, and not just for the poor hut for ordinary, averageincome people. We need a new kind

of political dehate to address that." Those who have joined Real World are not just environmentalists. Members include Friends of the Earth, Oxfam, Transport 2000, the Employment Policy Institute, Save the Children Fund, the Town and Country Planning Association, Population Concern, the World Wide Fund for

"a sense of near despair" that issues of the environment and international development disappeared utterly from the political agenda once a general election was called. Determined that this should not happen next time, he and close colleagues gathered together campaigners from various backgrounds who had never before worked together. The environmentalists were gradually joined by aid agencies, then advocates of constitutional reform and then groups involved with poverty in the UK.

They compared poverty in the Third World with that in the UK, examined how constitutional issues related to social justice, asked what community meant in a modern world, contrasted the ecological and social justice agendas and formulated the "standard of living versus quality of life" debate.

'We concluded," says Mr Porritt, "that if you don't set up the circumstances in which people can achieve a decent quality of life, you can forget the natural world at home and abroad. Social justice and sustainability are inextricably wedded. Moreover, we became convinced that without democratic renewal and constitutional reform there is no way

to move the agenda through our atro-phied political systems." It is ironic that a period which has seen a rapid decline in membership of political parties, in favour of singlessue pressure groups, should end



it also stems from a conviction that on both sides - the mainstream political dehate is too limited.

"Take unemployment," argues Mr Jacobs. "Labour says it's about education and training and the Tories say it's about more flexible labour markets. Neither of those convinces anybody. We're saying we're not going to

'If you can't help people to achieve a decent quality of life, you can forget the natural world'

with the single-issue people becoming convinced of the inter-relatedness of their agendas. In part, that is a response to the globalisation of the world economy. financial deregulation and increased cross-border activity by multinational companies has meant that the problems of one sector impact more visibly on others; much singleissue lohbying of single companies looks fragmented and desultory. But

get significant reductions in unemployment unless we redistribute different types of work - hetween men and women and over different periods of people's lives - and we have to invest in the public and voluntary sec-

tors. No one else is saying that." Just how will he set out at the Real World launch today as part of a 12point action programme for government. Other proposals include joh

subsidies for the long-term unem-ployed, more social housing, more and better-targeted aid to the Third World and a fiscally neutral reform package shifting tax from jobs (they want to abolish National Insurance) to pollution, waste, energy and trans-port. More controversially, they talk about increases in income tax.

All of which sounds pretty much like a party polifical programme. Mr Por-ritt insists not. "We're not putting up candidates; we're not aiming to endorse candidates," he says. "And we'll use our analytical and campaigning skills to work with all parties. This agenda has to be driven in an all-party fashion. If it's the preserve of any one party, you automatically set every other party against you. What we're trying to doat its most ambitious - is to change the framework within which parties do battle with each other."

Not everyone is convinced. Greenpeace has declined to join; publicly because its policy is not to enter coalitions, hut privately because it doubts that the Real World agenda is green enough. Shelter has enough on its plate fighting the new Housing Bill. And Cafod, the Catholic development agency, has joined the coalition but declined to sign the action programme because it feels that calls for constitutional reform are outside its mandate.

Jonathon Porritt is philosophical, "We'll miss them," be says, "hut with any coalition there bave to be boundaries if it is to get anywhere." In any case be bas done a remarkable job to get the degree of consensus be bas achieved in that disputatious world. The key question now is how much effort the 32 members will put in at a cost to their individual goals.

Mr Porritt is undaunted. After today's events, bis team plans to step up pressure on the parties' manifestowriting teams. Real World will be active at this autumn's party conferences. In addition, it will hold its own party cooference-style rally and a number of pre-election stunts. The politicians have been warned.

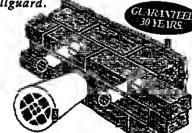
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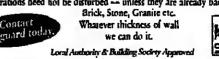
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More to libraries than getting wired Everyone who cares about this country should be waiting, with bated breath, for Virginia Bottomley's statement, expected this week, on the The Department of National Heritage must ensure that we have a

future of public libraries. Libraries cannot simply be maintained as they are. coherent national electronic informa-If they do not develop quickly to protion network, not an ad hoc paichwork. vide what we need in the next century, The Library Association's Millennium they will be marginalised and decline. hid indicates one way forward, with its Mrs Bottomley must make it plain scheme to connect every library in the that public libraries are for everyone. country to the Internet. Once all Used by 60 per cent of the population libraries are networked, the possibili-- not just by particular social groups ties are enormous. People will no like children, pensioners and the unemployed they must continue to longer physically have visit the library building. Information can be made available down the line to businesses provide a first class service for life-long learning. Without that our and to individual students. national ability to respood to change will be severely restricted. But that does not mean the death of

Gillian Cross

the library as a physical place. In a multicultural, multi-faith society, the library building provides an important social centre for everyone, offering not merely information, but friendly, professional advice. All kinds of people can meet on an equal footing. We should build on our infrastructure of 4,000 public libraries and use them for

exhibitions, for community activities and for advice centres. They could become places where people meet the mentors who will help them to plan their learning throughout their lives. They could provide suitably informal centres for assessment of that learning and the awarding of qualifications. The opportunities are there to be seized.

Wiring up libraries does not mean the end of book-borrowing, either. For the foreseeable future, a great part of what people want to read will still be found in books. We must ensure that libraries have a comprehensive stock.

All this will need money. But what is required, above all, is vision. Previous Secretaries of State for National Heritage have failed public libraries by largely ignoring them, and so making them politically invisible. They have given the impression that libraries are dull. Libraries are not dull. They play a crucial part in our national life, culture and economy. If Mrs Bottomley understands that, and proclaims it with fervour and commitment, she will put libraries at the top of everyone's agenda. We must all hope that she does not let us down.

The writer is a children's author and a member of the Government's Advisory Council on Libraries.

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Bell in \$17bn tie-up with Pacific as merger mania hits

JOHN WILLCOCK

The gates opened to a new wave of mega-mergers in the US telecommunications sector yesterday as SBC Communications and Pacific Telesis Group agreed to merge in a \$16.7bn (£11bn) deal, becoming the second-largest company in the sector behind AT & T.

The joining of the two re-gional Baby Bell phone comgional Baby Bell phone com-panies is the most dramatic financial power to offer a

deal since Congress deregulated the industry on 8 February. and analysts believe it is a harbinger of similar gigantic combinations to come.

SBC said the merger would create the second-largest telecommunications company by market value in the US, and the merger is the first of its kind between two former Bell System companies. The merger gives

something made possible by the law.

The two companies are among seven formed from the 1984 break-up of the old Bell System monopoly. Together, they serve the two largest states, California and Texas, and will have 30 million phone lines.

The merged company will take the SBC name and be led by SBC chairman and chief executive officer Edward E. 30 million access lines.

broader range of services, Whitacre Jr. Pacific Telesis chairman and chief executive Phil Quigley will become vicechairman.

> The merged company will be roughly two-thirds owned by original SBC shareholders. The business will have more than 100,000 employees, revenues of over \$21hn, operating cash flow of \$9bn, and income of almost \$3bn. The two former Bell System companies serve more than

companies were not previously banned from combining, longdistance companies were stopped from merging with local companies and vice versa. Cable companies were also banned from offering phone services. All these prohibitions

creating a new bout of "merg-

were swept away last month.

Although local Bell phone ronment, customer satisfaction. a strong market presence. efficient and lower-cost operations, a substantial financial base quality and new, innovative services will be crucial to

Success in the marketplace."
Under the deal Pacific Telesis shareholders will receive 0.733 shares of SBC stock for each of their sbares. Based on last week's stock prices, Pacif-Mr Quigley said yesterday: ic Telesis shareholders would re-"In this new competitive envi-ceive SBC stock worth about ic Telesis shareholders would re-

S39 per share. When complete, net services and international SBC shareholders would own businesses. about 66 per cent of the combined company and 34 per cent would be held by Pacific Telesis investors.

The corporate headquarters for the combined company will be in San Antonio. Texas, where SBC has been based since 1993. The San Francisco area, home of Pacific Telesis, will be the headquarters for the company's long-distance operation, Inter-

Pacific Telesis is in the middie of cutting 10.000 jobs in its local phone operations by the end of next year. SBC is the only Baby Bell company that hasn't cut jobs. Mr Whitacre said: "This historic merger is about growthin jobs, markets and services to our customers."

After the merger, members of the PacTel board will be asked to join the SBC board.

Carlton and Mirror 'set to bid for TV football'

MATHEW HORSMAN

Carlton Communications and Mirror Group are prepared to bid up to £200m a year for the right to broadcast Premiership football matches after 1997, sources close to the Premier League said last night.

Carlion's chief executive. Michael Green, and Mirror Group's Kelvin MacKenzic, bead of the company's television operations, are scheduled to meet next week to discuss their attempt to wrest the contract from Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster,

Mirror Group, which owns 43 per cent of the Independent, declined to comment last night. Carlton did not return calls.



Eye on the ball: Michael Green of Cariton

"We don't have any comment to make on meetings that may or may not be scheduled." a spokesman for the Premier League said last night. "The Premier League has an open mind as to the future, and there have been a lot of expressions of interest."

Separately, Pearson and MAI, which have also been rumoured to interested in bidding for football rights, are believed to have dropped their plans. The two media companies looked at the prospect in earnest late last year.

Some senior industry sources dismissed the prospect of a bid from Carlton and Mirror Group, "The two companies baven't got the money, and they haven't got the 'shelf space' on television to broadcast the matches," said one.

It is understood the two me-

dia companies plan to offer a pay-TV deal to broadcast Premier League matches on cable, but are considering a side deal with the ITV network to show certain matches on terrestrial

Carlton controls two ITV licences. Carlton (weekday in London) and Central, and is believed to be considering expanding its small UK cable operations, currently limited to control of SelecTV, the cableonly entertainment channel it bought earlier this year. The company has been rumoured as a potential hidder for Mirror Group, but it is now thought cooperation on the television front may be more likely.

Mirror operates the moneylosing LiveTV, a national entertainment channel, and publishes profitable newspa-pers including the *Daily Mirror*. It is expected that the two companies would use the newspapers to promote the Premier League service if their bid was

The two companies have not ruled out offering a subsidiary deal to BSkyB, which holds the exclusive rights to the Premiership until 1997, in order to provide matches for satellite subscribers as well.
The current £304m, five-year

deal between the League and BSkyB is scheduled to run out at the end of next season. But negotiations to renew the contract, or to entertain rival bids. are expected to start in earnest later this year. BSkyB has preemptive rights to match any competing hid. However, the terms of its deal with the League is currently the subject of an inquiry by the Office of Fair Trading, and the company could have regulatory difficulties in the future.

In addition, it is believed that the European Commission is closely watching Premier League developments in the UK, and may insist that any renewal of the contract be limited to a period of two years.

Broadcasting is evolving rapidly in the UK, with digital services planned for as early as next year. The winner of the next Premier League contract could benefit from the expansion in the number of channels available in the digital age.



On a roll: Jonathan Fry, chief executive (right), and finance director Brian Hardy celebrating a 15 per cent profits surge Photograph: Yony Buckingham

Far East boosts Burmah Castrol

TOM STEVENSON

economics of the Far East kept profits oo a roll at Burmah Castrol last year. Volume growth of more than 20 per cent in markets from India to Vietnam more than made up for sluggish conditions in the maturer mar-

kets of Europe and the US. That growth confirmed the wisdom of the group's decision to focus the bulk of its marketing spend on the fast growing markets of the Pacific Rim. One of British business's most

Profits, which jumped 15 per cent before tax from £219.5m to £253m, also benefited from the decision in the middle of 1995 to pull out of petrol retailing in the UK, where a vicious price war has sent profits tumbling at Burman's former rivals. The sale of the business for £83m to Frost Group was made just before the price war broke out in earnest.

Lawrence Urqubart, chairman, said: "As we enter 1996. Asia remains buoyant while

though activity is forecast to up later in the year."

After a 17 per cent increase in earnings per share from 57.3p to 66.9p, the dividend increased 12 per cent to 36.25p. Burmah remains dominated

by its Castrol lubricants business, where profits increased by 13 per cent to £204.3m. That reflected a 5 per cent volume improvement as the company continued to take share of a global market growing at only

markets were offset to an extent by strong industrial demand and profits, up 17 per cent to £103.4m, were also given a lift by trading up, where consumers are prepared to swap regular luhricants for higher margin synthetic products. In North America, consumer demand actually fell slightly as retailers added to the gloom by destocking.

The Asian story remains bright, however, with profits up

Successful exporters to Asia, Burmah raised eyehrows last year when it took 150 of its most Soaring demand for Castrol senior maoagers to China for a in the developed markets of Eulubricants in the buoyant strategy conference. in the developed markets of Europe and North America, alIn Europe, flat consumer terms soon, the Far East management has been relocated

> from Swindon to Hong Kong at a cost of £2m. The other main bright spotcame from the formerly troubled chemicals arm, where profits jumped 28 per cent to £62.4m after a particularly strong first half carried the division through a progressively difficult year. The group's target return on sales of 10 per cent was almost matched with an underlying margin of 9 per cent achieved.

No green light for BT deal, Lang says

MARY FAGAN Industrial Correspondent

The Government yesterday squashed speculation that it had given the go-ahead to any merger between BT and Cable & Wireless, which is widely ex-

pected within weeks. In an unusual move, Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, said: "The Government has not given any approval in principle to a possible merger between British Telecommunications and Cable & Wireless. Should these two companies propose a merger, then the competition authorities in the UK, in Europe, and in other parts of the world would need

to consider the position." There bave been rumours that the Government has encouraged the talks between the wo companies and would use its golden share to prevent a counter-bid for C&W. However, Mr Lang added: "It would he inappropriate for the UK Government to prejudge any fu-ture decisions by the UK com-

petition authorities."
At the same time Deutsche
Telecom dismissed as "pure speculation" reports that it is in the running to buy C&W's Mercury Communications sub-sidiary if the £35bn merger proceeds. Industry sources say that Deutsche is BT's favoured huyer, but a spokesman for the German group said: "In this in dustry everyone is talking to

City analysts have also spec-ulated that Mercury - BT's big UK rival would have to be divested - could be bought by Nynex, the cable company or by AT&T of the US.

BT has consistently refused to comment on its plans other than to confirm that its advisers are in talks with those of

UK output shows steep decline

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Latest figures show Britain's manufacturing industry on the verge of a slump, just as the high street is showing signs of re-covering the clusive "feel-good" factor lost in the last recession.

UK manufacturers saw output drop in March to its lowest level since October 1992, the seventh month in a row when production bas been either flat

purchasing managers. Meanwhile, the amount of notes and coins circulating in the economy-seen as a good measure of consumer spending - edged up 1.5 per cent in the first quarter, suggesting people are increas-ingly confident about splashing out on high street goods.

The figures were seen as reinforcing expectations of a continuing slow-down in the

or falling, according to Britain's economy, increasing the prospects for a further cut in interest rates from their current 6 per cent.

But most economists yesterday held to the line that rates, ent three times in the past three months, were more likely to move in May than following tomorrow's meeting between Bank of England Governor Eddie George and Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke.

sbort sterling contract - a key indicator of expectations for short-term rates -- was up two hasis points at 93.94, pointing to little change.

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MMC delivers an early verdict on power firms

MICHAEL HARRISON

Trade Secretary Ian Lang has received reports on the bids for Southern Electric and Midlands Electricity by National Power and PowerGen, fuelling speculation that another bout of takeover activity is about to hit

Lang's office on Friday - a week earlier than expected and an announcement is ex-

pected in the next four weeks. Shares in all four power companies rose as the market bet that both hids would be cleared although with conditions attached to prevent the two gen-

ers Commission delivered its erators wielding undue influ-verdict on the two bids to ence in the market. In return for approval, the

generators bave volunteered to ring fence their generation and supply activities, guarantee transparency in pricing and ensure that the market for contracts is sufficiently liquid to prevent them from rigging the electricity pool.

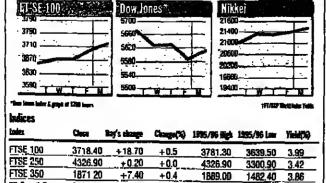
Should the two bids be waved through there is speculation that it will re-ignite interest in the remaining independent Rees from foreign utilities and electricity companies. Eight of the 12 Recs will bave been swallowed up by rival UK utilities or large overseas operators if the bids by National Power and PowerGen go through.

It would also result in a sharp increase in vertical integration of generation and supply - re-versing the way the industry was broken up on privatisation in

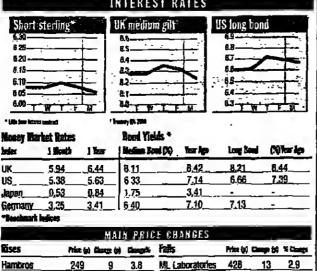
of plant to Hanson, which now owns Eastern Electricity while

The two generators have argued in evidence to the MMC hat this, along with Scottish Power's takeover of Manweb.

PowerGen has already agreed to sell 2,000 megawatts has created the precedent for vertical integration within the in-



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MARKY STORY

Shake-up of water industry proves damp squib

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In the industry and to the ind alded in the weekend press as the biggest upheaval for the industry since privatisation has in practice turned out to be something of a damp squib.

Even judged against the water industry's somewhat soporific Richter scale of events, this one would be bard pressed to register much more than one. If the cause of the weekend's sensation was John Gummer's propaganda machine, then he must have intended it as an April Fool's joke. The Environment Secretary's proposals for "increased customer choice" add up to little more than a hill of beans.

What the Government wants, and what it is going to get, are two very different things. Its starting point is that prices are too high and that the best way of redressing this is through competition. With modern technology and operating systems. Mr Gummer believes, it should be perfectly possible to develop "common carriage", allowing competitors to supply water within the franchise of an existing operator. Great. So we can look forward to the type of competition that already exists in telecommunications and is fast being developed for gas and electricity, can we? Well, not quite. Common carriage is to be confined initially to customers using 250 megalitres of water a year or more that's only about 600 nationwide. And in practice using alternative water suppliers is only likely to be economic for those located

With all the other monopoly utilines. competition bas begun with big industrial users and only slowly progressed to domestic customers. But if Mr Gummer really believes this experience can be repeated with water. he's living in cloud-cuckoo land. For competition to work in any meaningful way would require the development of a national grid similar to the one that exists for gas, electricity and telecommunications. The Government bas already examined the feasibility of such a project and found it to be uneconomic, both in terms of construction

and running costs. Furthermore, the ecological effect of digging up the land and diverting water on the scale required make it extremely unlikely except in the case of persistent drought conditions that such a thing could ever be sanctioned. For most industries, dynamic competition will always be the best safeguard against abuse. But for water, tough and effective regulation remains the only realistic option.

Triumphalism at Lille backfires

By any standards, Britain's performance at the G7 jobs summit in Lille yesterday. was a lamentable one. Ministers were hop-

Germans and French coming round to the view that deregulation creates jobs, it was not an unreasonable thing to expect.

But as so often occurs at events of this sort these days, ministers managed to undermine support for their position with an uncom-promising and ridiculously triumphant approach to the problem.

The clash that emerged was not so much over the rights and wrongs of a deregulated labour market as about degree. To the Europeans, unfettered deregulation ignores the need to remedy the social exclusion resulting from unemployment. It also raises the risk of an unacceptable beggar my neighbour to lower living standards between countries.

To complete the rift, Britain's European partners have the single currency on their minds. They suspect Britain will use its social chapter and single currency opt out to take advantage of low standards, low wages and a low exchange rate, giving it an unfair edge within Europe.

The Government's dismissive reaction to these fears is a product of its strategy for dealing with the issue of job insecurity so successfully tapped by the Labour Party. This

It is bad enough that the British were unable to resist a spot of triumphalism in Lille. Officials were handing out a Department for Employment and Education proconsiderably lower unemployment, managed more subtle diplomacy.

More than that, the British refusal to accept that its partners might have a point, and engage in discussion about it undermines the value of the most important economic policy forum. It will eventually marginalise our influence. Although all those present in Lille bave an eye on their domestic audience, most did not feel compelled to sacrifice genuine discussion at the altar of party politics.

Greed could still short-circuit electricity

The only thing that now looks like short circuiting a further round of consolida tion in the electricity industry is an outbreak of excessive greed at Midlands Electricity and Southern Electric or pusillanimity on the part of PowerGen and National Power. These being privatised utilities, neither eventuality can be ruled our entirely. But if the script goes to plan then the Trade Secretary, Ian Lang, should clear the bids by the generators for the two regional electricity companies.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission delivered its verdict last Friday and the betting in the market is for clearance sub-

bility about the Government's record on jobs through its selective presentation of the facts. The Japanese and Americans, with between generation and supply when the

industry was privatised.

But they conceded the principle of vertical integration when they allowed Scottish Power to buy Manweb.

And they further weakened their case when they agreed to let Hanson first buy Eastern Electricity and then start acquiring power stations from the two big generators.

The case against permitting the two latest mergers is that National Power and PowerGen would be able to rig the electricity pool, the wholesale market for England and Wales, and exert undue influence on the market for contracts between generators and suppliers. Both these objections can be met by legally binding undertakings.

The bigger issue for ministers to address what shape they want the industry in as heads towards full competition in 1998. The consumer is more likely to be better protected by four or five large integrated players slugging it out for their business than by a larger number of independent RECs with a vested interest in sitting on their local monopolies.

Midlands and Southern could spoil it all by demanding that their suitors come hack with unacceptable prices. But if that were to happen they would be as much the losers as the two generators.

BET starts week of crucial talks to woo investors

RUSSELL HOTTEN

BET begins a round of crucial meetings with institutional investors this week in a bid to reverse a growing belief in the city that Rentokil is close to winning its £1.9bn takeover.

John Clark, BET chief executive, hopes he can stop the steady selling of the company's shares which has depressed the price and left it stubbornly just above the value of Rentokil's

BET's advisers are believed to feel frustrated that the "positive news" contained in its defence documents has yet to be fully understood by the institutions.

Fidelity, which owned more than 5 per cent of BET at the start of the bid, is thought to bave reduced its bolding of 50 million shares to 18 million. "Fidelity is selling a million every other day. That is why the

price is depressed," one BET Fidelity is believed to have bought its shares for around 90p-

100p. and bas been making a big Arbitrageurs from America are said to have been heavy buyers of the sbares being sold by

London institutions. With BET shares at 204p, up 1p yesterday, they remain about 1p above Rentokil's cash and shares offer, an indication that cepts that the first offer is final.

bas made £1.3m on share op-tions in advance of the de-

merger of the company this

Mr Fifield exercised options



Promises: Clive Thompson remains unimpressed

the market believes the bidder is unlikely to raise the offer much further. Rentokil bas until 12 April to increase the terms of the offer, currently nine new sbares plus 800p in cash for

every 20 BET shares. Last week, Paul Morland, analyst at NatWest Markets, said be believed that Rentokil might not raise its offer as any increase could have a negative impact on Rentokil's earnings. However, investors are expecting some upward movement, if only because the city rarely ac-

Fifield sells Thorn-EMI

options before demerger

share price is not the issue at this stage in the bid. "This is just the beginning for us. The important thing is now to get around the institutions," a spokesman said.

Rentokil yesterday said it had received acceptances totalling 3.42 per cent. Clive Thompson. chief executive, said: "Rentok-it's one, for the T is now emering its closing stages. During the past six weeks BET has made a number of statements, further promises, and has used the occasion to launch this season's new spring structure. We at Rentokil have not been im-

But Rentokil believes BET has very little left in its defence to convince shareholders of its case. BET yesterday issued a dividend forecast for next year of at least a 20 per cent growth to 6.15p. This follows the 5.1p already forecast for the current financial year, which ended on

Rentokil said the forecast bad little credibility, as it was the current board that cut the dividend in 1992 and 1993, despite promises to the contrary. BET said the company was being restructured in the early 1990s but was now on a growth path.

BET bas until Friday, day 39 of the bid, to publish any further information material to its de-

Japanese banking giant pledges to lead reform

chief executive of Manchester United Football Club, made holds rights, on Friday, according to a statement made to MATHEW HORSMAN and RUSSELL HOTTEN £2.1m after it was disclosed the Stock Exchange. Mr Fifield, yesterday that he bas sold 1.27 who is president of EMI, the James Fifield, the millionaire semusic business, was paid salary nior executive at Thorn-EMI.

and bonuses last year of £6.4m. A Thorn EMI spokesman said Mr Fifield "had the opportunity to exercise his options under existing arrangements and elected to do so . The company's remunera-

on 139,000 shares, roughly a third of those over which he tions committee is considering how to roll over current options once the demerger of the rentals and music company is completed.

Thereafter, executives will be provided with a new performance-related scheme. Sir Colin Southgate, the company chairman, has options worth about £5.6m at last

per cent of the company. His wife, who was among sev

eral other United investors to

sell shares, made almost

£950,000 after disposing of 0.57 per cent of her bolding. Mr Edwards, who on Sunday watched his team beat Chelses to go through to the FA Cup Final, said the couple's sales were for private reasons and he re-

fused to comment further. He now holds 23.2 per cent of the club, which last week announced half-year profits of

Mr Edwards sold 785,000 shares at 270p, while his wife sold 350,726 at the same price. United's share price rose 2p to close at 294p yesterday.

in Japan, and pledged to act as a stabilising force in the nation's sbaky banking system and lead reform of lending practices in

Tsuneo Wakai, chairman of Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, said his bank would use its position to help ensure that the excesses of Japan's late Eightles "bubble economy", which saddled banks with huge debts from overaggressive property lending,

were not repeated. "The banking industry must change its behaviour, such as lending beavily to a single sector or doing things just be-cause other members of the industry have done them," Mr Wakai said.

He added: "We must estab-

Tokyo (Reuter) - The world's a recurrence of what happened which combines Missubishi's largest bank was yesterday born in the bubble economy." The merger of Mitsubishi

Bank and Bank of Tokyo, formally completed on Monday, created the world's higgest bank in terms of its assets, which to-tal ¥77.500bn (£474bn).

Industry analysts said the merger could put additional pressure on other Japanese banks to seek marriages as deregulation and bad debi problems threaten a shake-out.

The merger also coincided with two other big mergers in the US. Chase Manhattan Corp merged on Sunday with Chemical Banking Corp to create the largest US bank, with assets of \$305bn (£200bn), and yesterday saw San Francisco-based Wells Pargo and Co team up with First

Interstate Bancorp.

Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi,

powerful domestic network and Bank of Tokyo's strong international operations, will tower over most domestic rivals in size and quality, analysts said. Before the merger, Mitsubishi and Bank of Tokyo were

separately rated single A plus. The new bank said it would start operations with about 21,000 employees, 366 domesnc branches including headquarters and other outlets, and 83 overseas branches and representative offices.

Cutting staff and redundant operations is expected to be one key to boosting the bank's profitability and deriving benefits from the merger.

Last month, bank officials said they would consider cutting some 2,000 jobs over three

night's price of 1703p. Cashing in: James Fifield Separately, Martin Edwards, lish procedures that will prevent (left) and Martin Edwards Strong dollar helps Nikkei to a four-year high

Share prices in Toyko yesterday ended at a four-year high and analysis predicted that the bull run, which has seen the Nikkei 225 surge by 50 per cent since last summer, will continue for the next three months at least.

The Niekei 225 index closed up 153.54 at 21.560.39, helped by the continuing strengthening of the dollar and in anticipation of a fresh wave of investment in the market

Brokers believe the Nikket is beaded randly rowards 23.000. a level last seen in 1991. Share misses are being

porate earnings outlook is also positive. The Nikkei 225 rose 7.7 per cent alone in the first quarter of this year, and by 32.6 per cent in the financial year which ended on 31 March.

Analysts said earnings forecasts, due in May, would play a key role in deciding the stance of investors towards the market. Investors will buy on year to March 1997 earnings forecasts," said Tim Hayashida, strategist at Merrill Lynch, which has a economy should also lift the

buoyed by a steady improve-ment in the economy. The cor-earnings prospects should help on the macrothe Nikkei 225 index rally in the second quarter, and head towards the 24,000 point level by the third quarter

Corporate results for the year just ended were not expected to cause a sell-off of stocks, with investors having already discounted much of the "likely damage to profits from bad debt write-offs" in the bank and related sectors.

The steady recovery in the "bullish view" on corporate re-market, analysts said. "We are

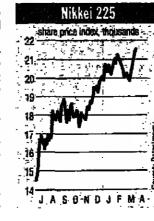
first half of the year (to March 1997), in part on a rebound from last year when the strong yen adversely affected the economy," said Satoru Ishihara, manager of investment infor-

mation at Yamaichi Securities. Public works spending is likely to play a key role in the recovery in the six months to September, Mr Hayashida said. The economy itself is on a recovery track although [progress is] slow, and interest rates are unlikely to rise sharply, with 3.5

per cent remaining the maximum for the long-term bond vield in calendar 1996.

Another positive trading incentive may come from the ven continuing to ease against the dollar in foreign exchange trading, Analysts said the trend in the foreign exchange would probably remain positive for the stock market and trigger renewed buying interest in high-

technology issues The easing of the yen against the dollar should mean optimism for earnings of export-de-



 Aetna Life & Casualty of the US announced plans to pay \$8.9bn in cash and shares for US Healthcare to create the largest managed bealthcare provider in the country. The combined group will have 10.3 million managed-care members, compared with 9.5 million for United HealthCare, which will move into second place. The new company will provide some type of bealth care to about one in 12 Americans. As well as health, the activities of the new business will provide life and disability insurance. Last November, Aetna announced the sale of its property and casualty business to Travelers Group for \$4bn.

• The Gas Consumers Council called for tough regulatory controls on "doorstep marketing techniques" following fresh complaints from customers in the south west, where competition begins later this month. The GCC said the latest allegations are of bad practice by CalorTex in marketing gas contracts to customers. The company, which the GCC said bas now acted to resolve any problem, is alleged to bave badged its salespeople as independent advisors recommending CalorTex as a best buy.

 Rhnne-Poulenc Rorer bas sold Fisons' scientific instruments business for \$272m. Thermo Instruments Systems of the US is buying the largest part of the division, with the rest sold to a financial group affiliated to Schroder Ventures. The consideration comprises cash of \$236m and debt of \$35.9m. The French RPR week over Places, a British pharmacenticals group, last yest.

 Mitsubishi Electric plans to enlarge its UK workforce by 400 over the next five years, with new jobs at its computer assembly plant in Glenrothes, Scotland, and at its Birmingham research centre. The number of jobs at Glenrothes, which produces Apricot personal computers, will double to 600.

• ICI bas sold its half share in Teesside Gas Transportation to its joint venture partner, Enron Europe. Price was not disclosed, but ICI said it had made a small gain on the transaction.

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Burmah looks East for markets with promise

Burmah can't quite believe how lucky it middle classes of India and China take to housing market prove to be correct, this was to get out of petrol retailing in the midthe motor car with anything like the may turn out to be a wise move. In any dle of last year, just before the blood dle of last year, just before the blood alacrity of their Western counterparts, this started splashing on the forecourts. Period is a growth story with years still to run. suading James Frost to hand over £83m for a husiness on the brink of a ruinous price war was a triumph of timing.

The withdrawal from fuels, now more or less completed by recent deals in Turkey and Sweden, was a useful piece of good news in what was something of a curate's egg of a set of results. The Castrol juggernaut continues its relentless progress and the ill-fated 1990 acquisition of chemicals business Foseco finally scems to be its strengths coming right, but elsewhere there are worrying signs of slowdown in the mature economies of the West.

The good news, however, outweighed the nagging doubts and, as a result, profits for 1995 emerged yesterday higher than expected at £253m, up 15 per cent. The share price, which has enjoyed a good run so far this year, nudged 10p higher to 1,067p. At that level it has more than douhled since the beginning of 1992.

The Castrol success story continues, with volumes rising 5 per cent around the world despite total market growth of only about I per cent, Profits grew even faster, by 13 per cent to just over £200m as existing cusiomers were persuaded to trade up to higher-margin synthetic oils.

The real attraction of Castrol is its strong toe-hold in the developing markets of the Far East, where volumes increased by an impressive 20 per cent during the year, compared with flut sales in Europe and even a slight decline in the US. With estimates of GNP growth in the mature G7 economies now little more than a pedestrian 2 per cent, the Asia story takes on

an even greater urgency.

Chemicals profits continued the impressive recovery from the recession, the length and intensity of which caught everyone, Burmah included, napping. Profits of £62.4m were 28 per cent better than in 1994 and stripping out reorgani-sation costs taken against the profit and loss account, the underlying return on sales is now 9 per cent, within a whisker of the targeted 10 per cent margin.

for anyone who takes the view that the eco-nomic future lies in Asia. If the growing

But if predictions of a recovery in the

5-year record

Turnover (£bn)

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Pre-tax profits (£m)

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Barmah Castrol: at a glance

119.9

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Market value: £2.15bn, share price 1,067p

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In the short run, however, the shares appear to have caught up with the good news. On the basis of pre-tax profits of £145m this year, the shares stand on a prospective p/e ratio of 15. At a premium to the market, they are now high enough.

L&M plays to

The insurance industry has been up against it recently, so it was no surprise that London & Manchester's superficially impressive 5.3 per cent increase in dis-tributable profits from £33.6m to £35.7m, relied beavily on investment income and other non-trading factors.

The underlying picture, showing a drop in new life annual premium income of 37 per cent, and a slide in single premiums of 57 per cent is more meaningful, if wor-

rying.

The outlook is pretty gloomy on the pensions side, too - new single premium business reduced by 25 per cent to £32.7m even if existing savers are putting more into their

Despite the gloomy numbers for new premium income, L&M remains fairly optimistic. The company has slashed its fixed operating costs by 24 per cent, part of a reorganisation that has seen it lose a fifth of head office staff in the past year and the fall in income, which has continued in the first months of this year, will be righted, the company claims, once its 700strong sales team is reshaped into 18 new husiness centres.

L&M has signalled its intention to stick to its core business areas, and last year sold its residential mortgage company, netting a £7.3m profit into the bargain. The previous year, the company disposed of its consumer finance and commercial property services operations.

True, its loss-making estate agency Burmah is a good long-term investment chain - which dropped another £2.6m last

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event, the company's 78 branches contributed 13 per cent of its premium income so it can justify its existence through crossselling alone.

By playing to its strengths in its bottomend socio-economic niche, L&M claims not only to be a viable player but even to be on the look-out for potential acquisi-tion targets with a distribution strategy sim-

With a market capitalisation of only £500m, that may be wishful thinking hut the shares could be buoyed by the prospect of corporate activity the other way round. Even if takeover speculation proves unfounded, a dividend of 18.7p, up 9 per cent, means L&M is yielding a reasonably attractive 5.6 per cent. That will underpin

Ulster TV bid looks a long shot

Tiny Ulster TV has, prohably undeservedly, ridden the takeover rumour wave in the ITV sector with gusto, rising from 900p a share last November, when the Government promised further deregulation of the commercial TV sector, to nearly 1,400p last night.

In fact, the company, with revenues of just £34.2m, is an unlikely candidate for a bid. It controls the ITV licence for Northern Ireland, and as such does not abut any of the existing ITV regions, where logic might dictate some consolidation. True, there is a chance that a "Celtic al-

liance" involving Scottish TV, Ulster and HTV could still emerge once the ownership limits are lifted later this year, but the chances must be considered slim. Sensibly, the company has decided to

give some of its cash pile back to shareholders in the form of a special dividend of £1 a share, or £10m, unveiled yesterday. That sent the shares up 85p to close

The extra cash became available once Ulster decided against hidding for a northern Irish cable licence, in league with UK cable giant Telewest. The company has kept back some money to help finance its 43 per cent shareholding in TV3, the proposed new channel for Ireland, and to pay for its share of ITV's commitment to digital terrestrial television.

Repaying shareholders is no doubt a good thing. All the same, one wonders whether there might have been better uses for the cash. The company's core business, its ITV broadcasting activities, are likely to encounter sluggish growth of 3 per cent his year. TV3 is still a year and half away, and won't be profitable straight away.

As well, there is still doubt about the future of funding arrangments in the ITV sector, where small regional players such as Ulster are currently subsdidised by the well-capitalised giants. That could change down the road.

Ulster is likely to report lower pre-tax profits this year of perhaps £7.8m, next to £8.2m this year, putting it on a pricey 27 times currently earnings. Expensive if no takeover bid is in prospect.

English cricket awaits Tesco man

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

The long nightmare of English cricket may be turning into a bright new dawn if Sir Ian MacLaurin, chairman of Tesco, has anything to do with it. Sir Ian is due to retire from the helm in June next year when he reaches 60, and being a fit, perma-nently tanned chap it is unsurprising that he is already mapping out new things to do. While be has had "loads of approaches" from other businesses, he wants to apply his experience to the world of politics and the world of cricket. As far as politics is concerned, Sir Ian, who joined Tesco as a management trainee in 1959, has no

Mick Hucknall, the carrotambition to become an MP. He would like however to apply his considerable skills to raising money for the Conservative Party. His other great ambition is to revive England's national game. Ho is already a member of the MMC and the Lords Tavorners. So move over Illingworth, MacLaurin's coming.

Good to see that Great British traditions of service are being maintained at Next. Its High Holborn

branch in central London has a sign for opening times over the Easter period which says: "Good Friday - closed. Easter Sunday - closed. Easter Monday - closed. We look forward to seeing you. Not at Easter, obviously.

How fitting that the horse drawn in the office sweepstake for the Grand National by Mike Grant, treasurer of Eurotunnel, was called "Into the Red". The horse, rated three-to-one, did manage to finish, but not in the money. Rather like Eurotunnel.

haired lead singer of mega-popular Simply Red, has placed an order for the new MGF 1.8i VVC. a nifty new convertible sports car from Rover which harks back to the classic British MG. The car company made most of the fact yesterday, sending us a pic of the star with the car. The accompanying blurb trills: "The portfolio of songs produced by Simply Red identify a spirit similar to those of the MGF: Fairground, Remembering the First Time, Stars, ... etc." No



Ailing at the crease: Neil Smith during a World Cup low point

mention of the car's price though, which suggests an-other the group's hits: "Mon-ey's Too Tight to Mention."

Cable & Wireless middle managers can breathe a sigh of relief. Despite all the hullabaloo about the talks with BT the managers' two weeks jamboree, sorry, training programme, in the charming surrounds of Fontainhleu will go ahead after Easter as planned. C&W also confirmed yesterday that Mercury's twice yearly management knees-up in Birm-ingham today and tomorrow

is similarly unaffected. BTstyle cost-cutting is still some way off, thank goodness.

Janathan Fry, chief executive of Burmah Castrol, delighted a mixed group of journalists yesterday when talking about a joint venture in Turkey: "This is a good thing, as Turkey seems to be getting its act together - and will do even more so when it gets a man for a prime minister." This statement was met with a stunned silence. Mr Fry added: "You'd better strike that from the record." Too late.

ML marketing deal abandoned

MAGNUS GRIMOND

ML Laboratories, one of the UK's fledgling hiotech compa-nies, has failed to reach a cru-cial marketing deal for its Icodial kidney dialysis treatment. The German healthcare are seeking to reach an agreegroup Fresenius, currently in the midst of a US acquisition which will make it the largest player in the peritoneal dialysis market, announced yesterday that it was ending its er this year". A spokesman existing tie-up with ML after it had been unable to agree terms on a master agreement by the 31 March deadline. Two other healthcare firms are already thought to have rebuffed the British group in its attempts to forge marketing links.

ML's shares fell 13p to 428p after yesterday's news and are now well below the all-time high of 472p at the end of January when co-founder Kevin Leech

The break-down of talks comes nearly 21 months after ML announced it had formed a partnership deal with Fresenius in June 1994. The original intention had been for Fresenius to handle marketing of Icodial, one of ML's most promising products, in the UK, the rest of Europe and the US, including the establishment of joint venture companies here and in Germany.

and in Sport

United, dream or nightmare?

But ML yesterday played down the impact of the failure of the initial talks. In a statement, the group said ML and Fresenius "are well advanced in discussions regarding alternative forms of collaboration and ment relating to the peritoneal dialysis market in both Europe and the USA within the next few months with a view to launching loodial in Europe latemphasised that talks were

The latest blow to hopes of reaching a deal on Icodial follow several years in which ML is said to have attempted to find a partner to market the treatment. The market leaders in peritoneal dialysis, US giant Baxter International and Gambro of Sweden, are already thought to have turned it down. In the case of Gambro, it is thought ML was asking for better terms than the Swedish

continuing.

company was able to offer. Icodial, which is already being used in the UK, could potentially take half the market for dialysis, currently worth around £800m a year. But it has been eclipsed by recent news that ML has reached deals with Medeva for its dry powder inhaler device and with Glaxo Wellcome for slow release drug delivery technology.

IN BRIEF

 Macallan-Glenlivet is recommending a 15 per cent dividend increase for the year to December to reflect its confidence that 1996 will show advances in all areas of its whisky business. Profits in the year increased 6 per cent to £7.01m despite a fall in sales of new whisky to other hienders and the cost of changing a distributor in an unnamed overseas market. Earnings per share of 4.87p (4.12p) allowed a total dividend for the year of 1.46p.

 Dealings in Orange shares held by private investors starts today a week after trading started for institutions. Small investor dealings were delayed after the offer was scaled back to allow shareholders to be notified of the size of their holdings. Orange, placed at 205p, raced to an immediate premium last week and closed yesterday at 225.5p.

 Lord Rees-Mogg, the IBC chairman, said 1995 was another excellent year for supplier of business information. While it was too early to forecast this year's performance, he said 1996 had started well. After a 24 per cent rise in turnover to £97m, operating profits were 19 per cent better at £12.8m. The dividend jumped 23 per cent to 8p for the year, up from 6.5p.

 Capita said its managed services operation had won a sevenyear, £72m contract to administer the teachers' superannuation scheme in England and Wales. The TSS is a statutory, unfunded pension scheme administered by an agency of the Department for Employment and Education.

 Outdoor advertising group Maiden is to float on the stock market "in the near future", the company said yesterday. The group, where profits have risen 77 per cent since a 1993 management buyout, should be valued at about £65m.

COMPANY RESULTS							
	Turnover £	Pro-tax £	EP\$	Dividend			
Kirican Lakes (F)	38.5m (46.7m)	-1 9m (0.94m)	-34.76p (6.14p)	në (0.5p)			
Burmah Castrol (F)	3.05bn (2,93bn)	253m (244m)	56.9p (59.4p)	36.25p (30p)			
Programme Estates (I)	62.2m (33.2m)	6.81m (7.2m)	7.1p (10.4p)	4.1p (4p)			
IBC Group (F)	97.0m (77.6m)	12.4m (10.1m)	25 Sp (20.4p)	Sp (6.5p)			
London & Manchester (F)	- (-)	57.11m (-14.0m)	36.5p (-3.3p)	18.7p (17.16p)			
Pittencrieff Resources (†)	12 lm (7.34m)	-20.3m (1.04m)	-35.41p (1.82p)	(-)			
Shorpe & Flaher (F)	63.5m (64.4m)	3.83m (4.4m)	12.2p (14p)	5.2p (5p)			
Ulater TV (F)	34 2m (31.4m)	B.2m (7 49m)	51.77p (48.16p)	22.5p (20p)			

Week In MINDEPENDENT

hairdressers. Plus Network: the complete PC guide.

A 24-page section with all the action from a big weekend of sport. Plus: The Monday interview: Vicente

Modahl on masterminding Diane's redemption. The Grand National: the agony of the waiting game. And it's an all-red FA Cup Final, Liverpool vs Manchester

is convinced she has found a treatment to help her

son. Also on Tuesday, fashion, architecture, visual arts

This week and every week, Section Two has a completely new look, with more pages, new features, a daily radio column and an expanded listings section providing Britain's most comprehensive daily guide to going out.

in Today

Tony Blair and Bill Clinton: are they destined for a special relationship? Global warming and you: man made perils that will affect us all. The new Family Life section looks into how to backpack without tears. Do we need... Dennis the Menace: Jim White conducts a personal investigation into whether there is a place in the modern world for the classical naughty boy. Julie Myerson meanwhile takes her naughty boy to the

Tuesday

Part three of The Scorched Earth: how do we slow down the global warming process? Plus: Health - the mother of a brain-injured teenager

Theatre: "Jeckyll: the musical" opened in Bromley last week. What are the chances of a West End transfer. We talk to the backers and review the show. Plus: midweek travel section, your money, finance and law.

In our back pages, Martin Newell, Britain's leading rock poet, and Neil Kerber, one of the country's

All our regular features, including Dilemmas, John Walsh's column, plus film, education and graduate

24Seven - a new 20-page pull-out-and-keep entertainment and listings section. Including a complete day-by-day planner for the week ahead, plus funniest cartoonists, present their views of the modern

plus. In the back pages, William Hartston's history of the world in 101/2 inches

seven-day TV, radio and satellite listings, ticket offers and informed comment on the week's highlights. Plus: eight pages of pop and classical music



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a relatively quiet run, Zeneca. the drugs group, was rushed into the bid ward, gaining 28p

The shares have risen 59p in two trading days, largely on hopes Roche, the Swiss group,

Zeneca was engulfed in takeover excitement carly last month when two Swiss groups, Sandoz and Ciba Ceigy, an-nounced merger plans. The get together was seen as increasing pressure on Zeneca to link with another drugs group; in a frenzy of activity its shares touched 1,402p.

With an impressive array of drugs coming through the group is seen as a highly de-strable property. Indeed Glaxo Wellcome, which has admitted it needs to buy to keep up its momentum, was at one time seen as a possible hidder.

You can't keep a good Roche, said to be decidedly takeover rumour down. After miffed at its exclusion from the Swiss alliance.

> On Friday, when Zeneca was in demand, takeover interest was masked by the announcement the US Food and Drug Administration wanted more information about one of its potential blockbusters, an oral asthma treatment called Accolate. With the drug delayed by, perhaps, only six months many observers saw the

> promising development. Thorn EMI was another share in the limelight. But at least the Thorn excitement was a little different to the unadorned, run-of-the-mill bid

> Accolate announcement as a

The 19p gain to 1,703p was based on the suggestion the heralded demerger of the music and rental sides would not go ahead - because Thorn had received such an attractive

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter of the year

Government stocks market

helped sentiment.

Swiss interest turns the takeover spotlight on Zeneca

music division that it had no option but accept; it intended holders in the shape of a special dividend. US influences were also at

work at Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionery and soft drinks giant. The shares fol-lowed Friday's 15p decline with a further 11p fall to 490p. They have been unsettled by the decision of a US bottler, in

icant minority stake, to stop distributing some minor brands owned by Cadbury's US subsidiary, Dr Pepper.
There are fears Cadbury

which Coca-Cola has a signif-

2.5p to 572p and United Utilities 9p to 609p.

BT gained 13p to 382.5p and Cable and Wireless 6p to 538p as the merger talks dragged on and the market continued to and the market continued to bank on the deal being factored will not obtain new bottlers beby Cable making a reverse hid

Orange rose 4p to 225.5p. Private investors start dealing in the shares today. It has been difficult for them to trade because the issue was scaled back and they had not been notified of their exact allocation

The rest of the stock market commenced last week. turned on a firm display with Credit Lyomaise Laing is isthe FT-SE 100 index climbing suing a covered warrant on Or-18.7 points to 3,718.4 in modange. Footsie tracking funds erate trading. Dividend payments stripped 7.5 points from should, therefore, be able to acquire their required exposure the calculation. Gains in the to the share ahead of the company's elevation to Footsie. likely in June. Vodafone, cele-Waters were ruffled by Govbrated reaching three million subscribers, a 35 per cent inernment plans to increase competition and Thames fell crease, by ringing a 6.5p ad-

when institutional dealings

vance to 249p. Reuters, the information group, added 13p to 724p as a signalled trading statement was read as heralding the fore-shadowed share buy-back. BTR improved 6.5p to

321.5p on NatWest Securities

ommendation.

Hambros, the merchant bank, added 9p to 249p as takeover talk resurfaced and Applied Holographics rose &p to 133p on suggestions of a De La Rue strike.

Some of the shares badly mauled in the BSE disaster rallied, with Sims Food up 3p to 24p and Whitchurch 3p at

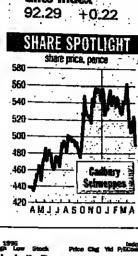
African Lakes, which has run into losses and is seeking fibefore the shares fell 19p to-44p. There was no time for dealings. The fall represented a hasty mark down between the results and the suspension.

JD Wetherspoon, the pubs chain, gained another 5p to 880p as Janus Capital, the US

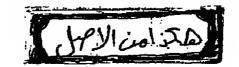
5p gam to 954p following a Chelsea Village, the Pre-Barclays de Zoete Wedd rec-miership football club, joined Aim yesterday, dubbed by some as the Vauxhall Conference of the stock market. Placed at 55p, the shares in active trading reached 60p. The club has attracted three market makers - JP Jenkins, Merrill Lynch and Winterflood Securities.

Just, a character merchaning group traded on Ofex at 3p, is due to move to Aim soon. To handle the deal Just nance, was suspended but not kas called in Ellis & Partners, Chelsea's stockbroker, to replace Keith Bayley Rogers.

group, fell 2p to 44p, lowest for more than a year. Figures. wrecked one of its canning group, lifted its interest to factories although the compa-18.57 per cent, presumably as ny is insured against any lost a result of last week's share profits. In the previous year







International trade: Britain throws weight behind world-wide revolt by America's trading partners against legislation aimed at ousting Castro

Blockade of Cuban sugar triggers company rethink

PHIL DAVISON

Latin America Correspondent

reviewing their business activities in Cuba, and stepping up lob-bying against the blockade imposed by America. ED & F Man, the big sugar

trader, said the embargo was already causing problems, obliging it "to consider what can be done with our involvement in

owned cigarette manufacturer in Cuba, said it was exercising all potential for lobbying and monitoring the underlying political

Through Foreign Office pressure, as well as lobbyists and lawyers in Washington, Britain

ton bill, is complex and ambiguous and there is widespread uncertainty about exactly what British companies are urgently it will mean for those doing business in Cuba or considering

But alarm at implications that appear to be potentially devastating, and anger at what is seen to have been a flouting of prin-ciples, pushed Washington's big trading allies to align them-selves with Cuba and attack the law as a violation of world trade BAT, which a year ago opened the first joint venture with a state-of the Council on Trade in Goods of the World Trade

Organisation. Mr Clinton himself had vehemently opposed the law, sponsored by strongly anti-Castro Republican congressmen Jesse Helms and Dan Burton, until

That brought him the hopedfor acclaim from Florida's hundreds of thousands of influential Cuban exiles but, in reality, nu-merous ambiguities, loopholes and provisos added by White House aides mean the new law

may have little real effect. Essentially, the law discourages foreign investors in Cuba by facing them with the possibility of law suits from Cuban exiles. Cuban Americans can sue in US courts for compensation for property or land confiscated after Mr Castro's 1959 revolution and later bought by foreign

Miami lawyers estimate claims could reach a total of

about \$100bn (£65.5bn). It would also bar executives or controlling shareholders of foreign companies involved in any such confiscated Cuban property

from entering the US.

That is the theoretical bad news for the 225 companies from 50 countries involved in joint ventures with Mr Castro's communist regime, among them 15 or so British firms, as well as potential investors such as Tate and Lyle.

Interest Rates



Battlelines drawn: Fidel Castro (left) has won international support against Bill Clinton's campaign to force Cuban sugar off world markets

Theoretical, because the good news may not only outweigh but as all 175 sugar mills. (Although Cuban exiles may dispute that erase the bad. For one thing, the ownership, it would not legally affect the foreign investor.) law refers to "after the enact-

As if all that were not enough to calm the nerves of potential investors, Mr Clinton insisted on a clause saying the President can veto all law suits for periods of six months at a time if he considers such a move "in the national interest'

That gives Mr Clinton plenty of leeway if be wins in November. If the Republican contender is victorious, the veto is more likely to be ignored.

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In terms of loopholes, the law is a veritable Emmentaler cheese and is already being dubbed by hand-wringing Miami lawyers as the Full Employment for

On Capital Hill, it has also been dubbed the Bacardi act and that brings us to yet another provise which will be welcomed by foreign investors and reveals much as to the law's true aims and origins.

Only those Cubans whose land, property or business was worth more than \$50,000 dollars when confiscated (mostly in the

years following 1959) have the

right to sue. That was a lot of pesos at the time and rules out the vast majority of Cuban exiles, mostly farmers or small husinessmen.

It also weighs the hill heavily in favour of giant enterprises such as the Bacardi rum company, now Bermuda-based with a subsidiary in the US, and families such as the Fanjuls, who once had vast sugar boldings in Cuba.

The Bacardi family estimates its distillery, hreweries and real

when confiscated by Mr Castro in 1960. Wealthy enough to have already had US citizenship by then, they will no doubt be

sueing pronto. As it happens, Bacardi co-hosted a Miami fund-raiser for the bill's co-sponsor, Senator Helms, last year and a Bacardi lawyer at first claimed to have helped draft the legislation before later opting for a more

And speaking of Bacardi, with so many leaks, the "Liberty act" may be on the rocks before Mr Castro.

lawyers in Washington. Britain is throwing its weight into a full-scale international revolt, involving mainly Canada, Mexico and the European Union, against a new law aimed at squeezing Cuban leader Fidel Castro from power. The so-called Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act, also known as the Helms-Bur- Foreign Exchange Rates								
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China	12.7150	83339	Philippines	400039	262200
Egypt	5.2465	34404	Portugel	233554	153,115
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empting existing investors. Secondly, Cuban Americans will

be able to sue only foreign com-panies that have subsidiaries or

holdings in the US. That rules

out many, if not most of them.

Thirdly, in reality few foreign

companies are thought to own

Cuban property. In most joint

ventures, the foreign companies use factories, land or property owned by the Cuban state, such

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Guineas

support

for Sante

Ladbrokes yesterday reported strong support for the French challenger A Votre Sante in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket

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of Criquette Head in the 1,000

Guineas and the support we have seen today for A Votre

Sante, the filly must command

respect m a market dominated

by just three fillies up to now.

said Ladbrokes's Ian Wasseli.

who followed up her success in a Newbury maiden with a three

and a half length victory over the

John Dunlop-trained Bint Sha-

dayid in Ascot's Fillies' Mile,

four outings as a two-year-old,

is secood favourite at 7-2 with

Bint Shadayid 7-1. Nibhled at

RICHARD EDMONDSON

NAP: Pair Of Jacks

(Folkestone 2.40)

NB: Monks Soham

(Folkestone 2.10)

in the betting for the 2,000

Guineas has been John Gos-

den's colt Pommard; who is now

ing at Kempton might throw up

a lively outsider for oext

in the Masaka Stakes - Miss

Universal (trained by C Brit-

tain), Sea Spray (P Chapple-Hyam), Sil Sila (B Smart) and

Tamnia (J Dunlop) - are en-

gaged in the 1,000 Guineas

Easter Stakes – Believe Me (Hannon), Elshabiba (J Dun-lop), Line Dancer (W Jarvis), and Regiment (R Hannon), –

are still in the 2,000 Guineas.

ANTE-POST BETRING ON THE CLASSICS (Ladbrokes): 1,000 Galineae: 2-1 Bosra Sham, 7-2 Blue Duster, 7-1 Birt Shadinyd, 10-1 A Votre Sante, 20-1 Mezzoglorio, Ruznaria, 25-1 Birt Salsebit, Sea Syray, 33-1 Dance Sequence, Last Second, Nejlya, Silk Masque, Papering, Sil Sila, With Fascinetion, 40-1 others, 2,000 Guineaes: 5-4 Ahearth, 7-1 Mark Of Esteem, 10-1 Beauchamp King, 12-1 Royal Anglaria, 28-1 Bio, Dante, 27-1 Dantel Republic Company, 28-1 Bio, Dantel 27-1 Dantel Republic Company, 28-1 Bio, Dantel 27-1 Baret 27-1 Baret 28-1 Birt 20-1 Baret 27-1 Baret

2,000 Guineas: 5-4 Alhaarth, 7-1 Mark Of Esteem, 10-1 Beouchamp King, 12-1 Royal Applause, 18-1 Rio Duvida, 20-1 Danehill Dancer, Pommard, 26-1 Bigou d'Inde, Don Michelzin, Tumbeweed Ridge, 33-2 others. The Derby: 5-2 Alhaarth, 14-1 Mark Of Esteem, Socho, Siver Dome, 16-1 Lord Of Men, 20-1 Beouchamp King, Mons, 25-1 Dushyantor, Bigu d'Inde, Meck 1 Juve, Legal Right, Helicon, Loup Solitaire, Clearic Eagle 33-1 others, Oakes: 14-1 Bint Salaght, 16-1 Solar Crystal, Lady Cata, 20-1 Ruzhana, Shwanni, Mass Tahati, 25-1 Bint, Shedayid, Pricket, Overruled, Nessem Alsahar, 33-1 others.

Bridgwater

is banned

David Bridgwater, runner-up on Encore Un Peu in Saturday's

Grand National, was banned for five days at Exeter yesterday af-

ter heing found guilty of exces-sive use of the whip aboard

Habasha. His mount was never travelling well in the mares

handicap hurdle and Bridgwater rode with determination to

put her into cooteotion before failing by a head to catch Hul-

But the stewards were not im-pressed and found him guilty of

using his whip with unreason-

able frequency and stood him down for five days (10, 11, 13, 15 and 16 April). Colin Vickers, the stewards

secretary, said: "The stewards felt Bridgwater breached the

rules on two counts as he hit the

horse 12 times, some of which

Bridgwater said: "She was favourite, is a little ungenuine

and if I hadn't riddeo her out

they might have had me in for not trying. So what am I sup-

Flakey Dove gives birth, page 5

A National fall

Betting shop turnover oo Grand

National day was down by two per cent, according to book-makers William Hill. Two rea-

sons were the cootinuing

influence of the National Lot-

tery, and the smaller size of the

were out of stride pattern."

lo Mary Doll.

hile four of the 13 colts in the

Four of the 18 fillies entered

month's Guineas meeting.

Saturday's Classic trial meet-

20-1 from 25-1.

heads the market at 2-1. Blue Duster, trained by David Loder and unbeaten in

Henry Cecil's Bosra Sham,

"Given the excellent record

filly to 10-1 from 16-1.

Caulfield clearly not just along for the ride

ation dinner on Sunday night, and later in the year there will be recognition for owners, trainers, stable staff and even racing journalists. There is only one group in racing, it seems, where no one ever hands out prizes those brave men and women from special interest groups who labour in the unforgiving world of racing politics.

But then, perhaps such an award would prove somewhat futile, with ooe name in particular either on the trophy or the shortlist, year after year. In the turf wars fought to win the hearts and minds of the industry, no-one puts a case - or, some might say, thumps a tub quite like Michael Caulfield. secretary of the Jockeys' Association and the driving force behind Sunday's ceremonies.

Caulfield is into his eighth year at the JA, which, as he admits, "would have heen long odds-against when I took the job as I was so inexperienced". The son of a leading judge, he adopted much of the adversarial attitude of the courtrom in his early dealings with the Jockey Club, perhaps as a cloak for his greenness. For a while, the mere mention of his name could reduce a Club steward to the sort of affrooted apoplexy which his grandfather might have suffered wheo the grouse

beaters asked for a pay rise. With time and experience, the Red Mike image has slowly diminished, but Caulfield repaying his wages. "I had some of motor-racing had to have a

NOTTINGHAM

2,00 Royal Rapport

2.30 Joint Venture

3.00 Loose Talk 3.30 MAITEAMIA (nap) HYPERION

GOING: Good to Soft (Food in places).

STALLS: Stands site DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers best over 51 and 61.

Left-hand, oval course, Flut and galloping with easy turns. Run-in of 240yds.

Recoveries is 2m cast of city off 19785 Colvick road, Nottingham milway status 1 (served by London St. Paneras) is 2m away. ADMISSION: Club \$12 (Juniors, 16-21 years, \$8); Tutersalls \$85; Silver Ring, & Paddork \$1. CAR PARK: Silver Ring \$12 (admits car plus loan occupants), remainder free

4.00 lamus

4.30 Pine Essence (nb)

They handed out plenty of awards at the Jockeys' Associinto becoming a fresh force for change

> he says, "but now I know that they value the Associatioo's judgement. What I am is rigorous in my defence of the people who employ me. They deserve strong representation

and that's what they get." The Association and its secretary deserve much of the credit for recent changes to the with whom Caulfield has grown disciplinary system, which up in his job, and it looks no coshould put an end to the anom- incidence that his latest project aly which al-

lowed riders to receive loog Whenever I go suspensions for very minor in- racing, I park my retiring riders. Other suc- car and every

cesses, though, receive far less time my heart's when I took thumping. That's modelled on the impressive over in 1988, Pe-ter Scudamore a good sign' told me that

racecourse medical services should be the No 1 priority," Caulfield says. "After excessive lobbying, every course oow has two fullytrained paramedics with fully equipped amhulances, and I think it's fair to say they have heen life-saving.

"You can look back at Declan Murphy's terrible accident, and the paramedics were there. I remember the tragic events involving Ayrton Senna on the mains keenly aware of who is same weekend, and the whole

great rows with the Jockey Club in the late 80s and early 90s," massive inquiry into safety and what was going wrong. We've what was going wrong. We've had tragic accidents, but we spective now. know everything has been done

to protect the sportsmen." At 34, Caulfield is, for now, within roughly the same age group as his members. Slowly, though, a new generation is replacing riders such as Richard Dunwoody, now a close friend

> is to address the opportunities, or lack of Jockeys Empkryment Training Scheme, is scheme run by the Profession-

al Footballers'

"Jockeys are going back to school to do GCSEs, A-levels and degrees, to either keep them in the industry in good jobs when they give up riding, or get them jobs in other walks of life. It will hopefully become the most important thing we've done."

Amid all this effort, Caulfield

still finds time - indeed, makes time - to play football and rugby, while the decision not to stage the Glastonhury Festival this year will leave a large hole

in his diary. "Racing can be-come all-engrossing," he says, "and the people can he very in-sular. You need to keep in touch with other walks of life, and I think I've got it in per-

Cauifield also grabbed the chance, two years ago, to ride in public for the first time, in a celebrity event. "I was nearly pulled in by the stewards hecause I was so far behind, I just didn't realise how fast they go in a race. It would have been amusing if I'd been referred to Portman Square on my first ever ride at the age of 32.

Inevitably, there have been mistakes sprinkled in among the triumphs. The most notable, perhaps, was when Caulfield an-nounced that the jockeys' title would henceforth be decided on prize-money won, only to revert to the old formula of winners riddeo when it became clear that hardly anyone, the riders in-cluded, wanted the change.

Yet a refreshing willingness to admit his error and endure the embarrassment meant that the incident was soon forgotten, except by Cauffield. "I know I've made one or two errors along the way, but I'm very aware that one stupid move could undo seven years' work. The job still has a fear factor. I'm nervous each day when I come to work, and when I go racing, I park my car and every time my heart's thumping. That's a good sign."

Whatever his inner turmoil, however, you suspect that for as long as Michael Caulfield is batting for the jockeys, it is everyone else who should be worried.



Michael Caulfield: putting forward a strong case for jockeys Photograph: David Ashdown

2.10 Who Am I 2.40 Pair Of Jacks 3.10 Vicosa

3.40 Kelly Mac 4.10 Sorbiere 4.40 Riding Crop

GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places).

Right-hand, undulating course with a run-in of one furlong.

Recourse is 9 infles west of town off A20. Westenhauger zall-way station (service from London, Chaining Cross) adjoins course.

ADMISSRON: Club \$12 (under-16s free); Tattersule \$8.50; Course Enclosure \$4, plus \$4 for each occupent. CAR PARK: Free.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Son OTA Gunner (2.10) has been sent 211 miles by J Neville from Newport, Gwent; Smilling Chief (3.10), Binstahld, 3.40) & The Bodinson (4.10) sent 191 miles by R.J Hotges from Charlton Adam, Somerset.

2.10 ROTHER NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E)

BETTING: 9-4 Country Star, 3-1 Montes Schem, 9-2 Circus Coleurs, 5-1 Sou of A Guener, 8-1 Who Am I, 12-1 Bio Trusky, 14-1 others

2.40 BREDE NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,200 added 2m 1f 110yds

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3.10 GAY RECORD' TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,600 added 2m 5f FOLKESTONE

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■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH SUNNERS: 8 Hannon = 12 winners from 122 runners at a ratio of 9 SP6 graing a return to a \$1 level stake of -567.55, J H M Goaden = 11 winners, 42 runners, 31.4%, +819.75; Mrs 4 R Ramaden = 10 winners, 50 runners, 15.2%, +811.58; R Charlton = 4 winners, 20.7%, +821.50; Skr M Prescott = 8 winners, 31 runners, 25.7%, +827.57; J Wharton = 8 winners, 16 runners, 12.1%, +821.00; R M Whitaker = 7 winners, 33 runners, 18 %, +522.00; ELEADING JOCKEYS: W Carson = 24 winners, 183 rides, 18% 516.83; L Dettori = 22 winners, 124 rides, 17.7%, \$19.81; Pat Eddery = 18 winners, 78 rides, 23.1%, \$17.74; W Ryan = 18 winners, 141 rides, 12.1%, \$2.15.81; Pat Eddery = 18 winners, 78 rides, 23.1%, \$17.74; W Ryan = 18 winners, 141 rides, 12.1%, \$2.56; T Quitor = 13 winners, 64 rides, 10.1%, \$11.52 Paul Eddery = 12 winners, \$8 rides, 10.1%, \$2.75.6. \$1.180 RDI Eddery = 12 winners, \$8 rides, 10.6%, \$5.75.6. \$1.180 RDI Eddery = 12 winners, \$8 rides, 10.0%, \$5.75.6. \$1.180 RDI Eddery = \$1 winners, \$2 winners, \$3 winners, \$4 w Halling's Varadoren stable in South Glausorgan; Bowled Over (5,00) sout 166 miles from 'A Cyret's Naplebord stable in West Sussex. 2.00 LANGWITH SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 3YO 1m 2f Penalty Value £2,070

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FORM GUIDE

FLANUIL was not discretized when fourth to Pine Needle following a tardy start over the neteralast male here last September and ran fasty well although only seventh of 17 to the sentil So Sab at Warwis. Two weeks afterwards, Her two subsequent unplaced runs bact as taste or increase. Readulinese reached the leaders when fifth at Thomson Estate on the largified Equitation & the end of January but may not have been happy on that surface, or only winners in this lest-up. Still Here and Bello's Boy gained their uctones on the weather at Workerhamman 18 dains ago and last December, respectively. Still Here got in the drong studes to pp 81 of Bother and should again hold the sal-length fifth of nine still be substituted, where Belle's Boy last of nine.

Selection: FLAHUIL

30 EBF CINDERHILL MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,550 added 2YO 5f 13yds Penalty Value £3,176 - 5 declared - 100 March 100 March 2 9 0 R of \$25.5 to the Chargest Asset 2 9 0 R of \$25.5 to the Chargest 100 March
FORM GUIDE

To be the better for he first councy when beaten four lengths by Indian Spark in the claimster of Doncaster, JOHN VENTURE should be difficult to pag back here. The Brock-in States form was given in handsome boost even Macha, who finished more than the lengths admit of John Venture in third, botted in by 10 lengths at Coursets last Wednes-Mujowa function are lengths behind the section in such or Doncaster our will men a and his stable had a Course of winner last week. However, the one who can follow to Wenture home is Mervious Rest. White Mur's colt, favourite at Doncaster on Lincoln Laded in the closing garges on the testing going out should do mach better with that enemics behind him and on this loss testing ground.

Solvestone JOHN VENTURE

3.00 FLYING HORSE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 370 fillies 5f 13ydg Penalty Value £3,720 BAG AND A BT (P f Segon 8 Mechan 8 11 ENROR MAY ARE 19 Mechan 8 11 OUT-040 GOVERNORS OREAS (73) P W Sources for a Macades 8 U GOVERNORS OREAS (73) P W Sources for a Macades 8 U HOSE TAIK (10) Mrs Source for a Macades 8 U HARDEN A Source Roots, US 12 J Bott 8 11

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SOLO SYMPHONY wont off favorate at Warner- a year ago on her single start so far and her bishers were unlocky not to collect, as she finished a three-length third of 13 behind Miss Being after judding right and latting the rails when leading 150 yards out. The long absence is a years but she may be if consign. Solo Symphony's togets raile might be Spale-ing, who may have found the going too linely when severth of 17 behind My Branch at Donasser in Septembor on her final quarty. She made the farme in her times preceding starts - inclying a definit section behand Batto at Warwack in June, Being a daughter of Shares, the will appropriate the cut in the ground.

Selection: SOLO SYMPHONY FORM GUIDE



3.30 BAGTHORPE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 3YO 6f 15yds Penalty Value £3,548

4.30 LANGWORTH APPRENTICES' HANDICAP (CLASS 6) £3,000 added 1m 54yds Penalty Value £2,095

PORM GUIDE

BATTLESHIP BRUCE, a course winner over a mile and a quarter on the sort in 1994, did well when fourth of 16 bohind Sea Spouse on his reappearance at Foliestone eight days ago, going on well at the finish to be beaten only a length. Neville Callaghan's four-year-old must unprove as a result of that outing, his first since last Corober when a four-length fifth of 19 to Sharing Example at Newmarket, and he will be more at home over this trip than the severa furlangs of the Foliestone race. Prive Essence comes here fighting fit from the all-weather, winning at Southwell in February and two weeks ago when coming home by five lengths despite a slow start. He was also successful at Redear and Portefract in 1995 and might provide most danger. 5.00 DENNIS FIDLER MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV II) £4,400 added 3YO 1m 54yds Penalty Value £3,460

BESTENG: 3-1 Ske Ban, Bowled Over, 4-1 Anto 10-1 Followithe Allstars, Pro, 10-1 others 1996: No corresponding race rm, 5-1 Sharp Commend, 8-1 Headle Match

Sharp Command should like the softsh ground, being by Sharpo. However, SHIII GAA tooks best. He stayed on when sixth of 13 to Pleasant Surprise at Beverley in August and mode late progress when a sw-and-a-half-tength eighth of 18 to Mystic Knight at Saksbury the following month. Bonked Over, third behind five length witner Norwegam Blue at Lingfield last September on his single appearance to date, can also figure. Selection: SHII GAA

BETTING: 11-2 Arctic Life, S-1 Ning's Gold, Pair Of Jacks, 7-1 Aras S-1 Buckland Lnd, 9-1 General Jackie, 10-1 others 3.20 FREEDOM FORGE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,500 added 3YO filtes 7f WOLVERHAMPTON 1 2-50433 VICTIM OF LOVE (12) (CII) R Charlon 9 7. HYPERION 2.20 Lia Fail 2.50 Bubble Wings 3.20 Miss set 3.50 HM Farm Dancer 4.20 Contravene GOING: Standard. STALLS: 77 outside; remainder inside. STALLS: 77 outside; remainder inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers best from 6f to 1m 4 Fibresand, left-hand, oval course. Racecoursels nouth of town on A449 Stafford road. Bus vice from Wolverhampton railway station (service from Log Einston) 1m away. ADMISSION: Club 5 16; Tattersalls 55 (members of Diamond Club 5-4); Viswing Resourcht \$25.9 chading entrance and meal. CAR PARK: free. SIS RACERO BLINKERED FOR THE FIRST TIME: Name WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None LONG-DESTANCE BUNNERS: Mogis (2.30) & Yokiri-B (2.50 177 miles from J Flitch-Heyes's Lewes stable in Bast Somez.

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RACING RESULTS

4.40 ; 1. SAUGGLER'S POINT (D O'Suf-ven) 5-1; 2. Nordic Yarlay 4-1; 2. Sheep Station 66-1; 15 ran, 100-30 fav Nordic Mine (4th). 2½, 4¢, (B O'Sufliken, Bognor Regis), Tote: £7.40; £5.10, £2.20, £17.50, DP:

Tota: £7.40; £5.10, £2.20, £7.50, De-£21.90. CSP. £26.97. Yncast: £1,167.01, Thir £1,296.60 - part won, Poot of £1,296.69 carried forward. \$.10:1. OBAN (Mr J Culloty) 9-4; 2. Am-ber Spark: 14-1; 3. Bleesed Oliver: 14-1.13 ran. 5-4 fav Whithy (60t), Hd, 14v. 0488 N Knight, Wantage). Total: £3.50; £1.10, £3.70, £2.10. DP: £34.70. CSP: £30.03. The £18.00. Jackeot: £11.470.40. Jackpot: £11,470,40. Placepot: £40,70 Place & £51.76. Place 5: £42.64.

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2.00:1 BALHERNOCH (P News) 11-10 fav; 2. Adamstic 4-1:3. Singling Sand 12-1. 9 ran. 4. 2. if Easterty, Mation). Total 12:00; £2-30. £1.30. £2.10. DF: £5.80. CSF: £5.93. NR: tricker, Time £17-60.
2.30. 1. NOWELEUCH (8 Store) 4-1 fax; 2. Cool Weather 7-1: 3. Russian Castle 6-1:31 ran. 5:: 21-0. 10 fave; Harach, Total 53:00. £1-40. £2-70. £2-50. DF: £13-90. CSF £30 12. Tao £3-10. DF: £13-90. 3.00. 1. ERZANJAN (P Naem) 11-8 fax; 2. Shaston (Ben 20-1: 3. Coqui Lane 15-2. 19 ran. 1: 4. 3. (Mr. &1 Reveley, Saltham). Total £2-30; £1-40, £4-60, £2-30. DF: £20-90. CSF: £25-99 Tricost; £139-99. Tricost; £37-39.

3.30:1 ABERCROWBY COMET (Miss S Forsten 7-1: 2. Worthy Spark 11-4 fax: 3. Damnification 6-1. 11 ran. 7, 15. (5 Shufey-Beavan, Hawes), Tota: £9.00, £2.50. £1.80, £1.20, 07: £26.40, CSF, £24.30, Tax. 4.00:1. MISS GREENTARDS (D Parier)

4.00:1. MISS GREENTARDS (0 Patient 12-1; 2. Diddy Rymer 8-1; 3. Stylich Rose 11-2; 11 ran. 3-1 for Shonar's Way. 11, nr. (4 Whiters, Hausel), Totar £17:90; £2:50, £2:30, £3:10. Dr.; £6:07. CSP. £98:99. In-cast £5:46:09. Tric: £429.40. 4.30: 1. ROYAL JESTER (Mr. C. Storey) 5-2; 2. Off The Brus 9-1, 3. Hediny Mill 9-4 fav. 13 ran. 4, 33-2. (Mrs Jane Storey, Re-to), Totar £3:40, £1:40, £2:60, £2:10. DF; £11:10. CSF: £25:45. Tro: £2:100.

5.00:1 BALLON (B Storey) 3-1; 2. Sermattern 9-4; 3. Stary Avealor 15-8 fav. 4 ran. 11. 1. (M Dots, Darlington). Tota: £3.90. DF; £7.30. CSF: £9.48. Place 9: £43.73. Place 5: £32.05. SOUTHWELL

2.20, 1. CALL ME (Dean McKeown) 4-1; 2. Mets Baby 4-1; 3. Cherry Gerden 5-2. 7 ran. 9-4 fav Shermood. 6, 1/4, (C Thom-ton), 706e £4,10; £1,70, £3.50, DP. £9.60, CSF: £20.39. CSF: £20.39. 2.50:1. AMOEBA (Fessey) 7-2:2. Back-hander 10-1; 3. Jolly Holloy 33-1. 7 ran. 9-4 km Metody Wheel. 9, 1½. U Bernyl. Teta: 23.80; £2.10, £1.70. DF: £17.00. CSF: £31.72. Tran. £39.50. NP: Boost. Bowlers Boy.

3.20.1, ELTON LEDGER LITTER 7-4 fav. 2. Pacentul Reply 25-1; 3. Tilly Owl 12-1, 21. ren. Hd, 11/4. (Mrs N Mecauley). Total: £2.90; £1.20, £7.90, £3.80. DF: £51.40, CSF: £42.44. Tric: £223.70 - part won. Pool of £220.81. carried forward to Not-

won. Pool of £220.51 carried forward to Not-tingtum 3.30 today. 3.50: 1. htts?ER ASPECTO (J Wiesser) 100-30; 2. Demoing Cavaller 11-4; 3. Siege Perflour 15-8 £uv. 6 ran. 114, 114. [M Johnston). Teter £2.80; £1.30, £1.70. 0F: £3.90. CSP: £1.199. 4.20: 1. PORZARY (J Editunds) 4-8 fav; 2. Anietop 5-2: 3. Rivel Queen 12-1. 8 ran. 3, 13. (S Bowing). Teter £1.70; £1.60, £1.10, £2.50. Quel Forecast £1.70. CSP: 52.83.

4.50:1. AWESOME VENTURE (C Manday) 15-2; 2. Theleros 7-2 tay, 3. David James' Girls -1. 1A ren. Hd, 24: (M Chepmen), 7obs: E8.70: £3.50, £1.80, £2.10. DF: £22.20. CSF: £34.18. Treast £215.16. Tro: £18.10. Placeport: £168.10. Quadpoit: £4.00. Place 6: £303.08. Place 5: £33.68.

Placeport: £188.10. Quadport: £4.00.
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2.10:1. PALOSANTO. (Mr A Farrant) 2-1;
2. Quardo 10:11 for; 3. Bayline Star 50-1,
12 ran. Nr. 3. M Pipe, Wellington), Totas: £6.40; £1.60, £2.30, £2.50. DF: £4.11. Thic: £45.80. NR: Bootlar Producer,
2.40:1. CHICODARI (R Johnson) 9-4; 2.
Doyndar 5-2; 2. Niepanoer 11-8 for, 4 ran.
7. 8. (0 Nicrolson, Temple Quang), Totas: £3.10. DF: £7.50. CSF: £7.35. NR: Tonys Git.

3.10: 1. RIVER LOSSIE U A McCarthy 5-2 tor, 2. No Pain No Gain 3-1; 3. Americal 20-1: 10 ran. 14, nt. (C Egerton, Chadde-worth). Pote 53.80: 51.60, 51.70, 53.80. . Dual Forecast: £4.50. CSF: £10.36, Yrio: £50.80.

Judging the pace when you can't see where you are going is difficult - you are torn between taking it too easy and maintaining a lead

fastest lap. My second win in succession was rather different to Australia three weeks before, when I only took the lead with a few laps to go. That was one reason why I wanted to dominate at Interlagos.

It couldn't have been better. I got the hest out of the equipment last weekend and the Rothmans Williams Renault team did a brilliant job. Everything came together beautifully. What's more, the race was run in very tricky conditions; we had to contend with as many variables as you could possibly imagine.

About half an hour before the start, the weather let rip as only it can in South America. As we made our way round the circuit to the starting grid, I remember noticing that

I had a perfect score in Brazil on Sunday pole position, led from the start, won the race and set the tain of water about two feet high as the drainage system tried, unsuccessfully, to cope with the deluge. There were crashes of thunder and lightning; very, very treacherous

conditions in which to start a race.

If you have to race under those circumstances, it's almost a no-win situation. If you don't keep your foot down there is the risk that someone unsighted by the spray could crash into the hack of you. By the same token, if you keep your foot on it and there's too much standing water, you could easily aquaplane off the track. To judge the pace when you can't see where you are going is extremely difficult. Choosing whether or not to start the race on Sunday must have been a close

leneuve, gave a very impressive performance in his second grand prix race by taking second place off the line after starting third on the grid. He fought hard to maintain second, with Jean Alesi hard on his heels, hnt unfortunately Jacques spun off on lap 27 and landed in a gravel trap.

There had been some fairly rapid decision-making just hefore the start. We reckoned it was going to rain for at least the first 10 laps and, more than likely, the track would not dry out for at least another 10 laps. That would take us towards half distance (35 laps), so it seemed sensihie to go for just one pit stop. It turned out to be a good call by the team although, for a while, it was



Around lap 20, I thought the track was going to dry out. I got on the radio and said it would be time for slick tyres in a couple of laps - but then it rained again. The trouble was, it was raining on one half of the circuit hut not on the other. The start/finish area and the first couple of corners were bone dry and yet, on the back of the circuit, it was ac-

be local showers, but this was unbelievably local; dramatically different conditions within a quarter of a mile - and it carried on like that for a good third of the race. It was very he wanted to finish this race, so his difficult to decide when to come in for slicks and the limiting factor was going to be the need to take on more fuel. Fortunately, conditions started to turn at the point when I needed to make my pit stop. In fact, the tim-

ing was spot on. When I returned to the track with slicks, my lap times started to come down even though the circuit was still soaking wet in some places. It was one of those tricky situations where the temptation is to be extra careful; you are torn between taking too easy and maintaining a healthy lead. Alesi was in

into my lead if he got the bit between his teeth. But I remembered that, after crashing out of the Australian Grand Prix, Alesi had said usual exuberance was prohably curbed by that thought.

I managed to extend the gap to a healthy margin but I must admit to feeling a little nervous when Ruhens Barrichello spun off in

That incident underlined the fact that the race isn't over until you see the chequered flag. Last year, I had this race in the bag until I was robbed by a suspension failure. Experience in Formula One teaches you that there are many things which are in the lap of the gods and outside your control. With a 20-second lead, you © Damon Hill Grand Prix Ltd 1996

turally raining very hard. The second place and he was the sort of weather report had said there would driver who would really start eating maintain the gap and ensure you maintain the gap and ensure you don't make any silly mistakes - but then little things can deprive you of victory. You just pray that everything runs smoothly. On Sunday, it was In fact, the whole weekend had

been perfect. I felt good about my driving; I felt very happy in the car and enjoyed every lap. And, when it was over, I was presented with my trophy by one of the world's greatest sportsmen. I don't know much about football hut I know enough to appreciate Pelé's achievements and his standing in the game. To receive the trophy from the great Brazilian was an honour and it's little touches like that which are as memorable as achieving a perfect

Ivanisevic armed and dangerous

John Roberts talks to the big-serving Croat who has added a new dimension to his game - one which he hopes will take him to the Wimbledon singles title

but things do tend to go awry for Goran Ivanisevic at important moments in his career. Sometimes he is deserted by his mighty serve. Frequently his temperament lets him down. Occasionally he runs out of luck, as was the case when he awoke with the crick which forced him to retire against Andre Agassi after only 10 minutes of the Lipton final in Florida on Sunday.

But for the interventions of Agassi and Petc Sampras, along with an inability to hold his concentration, the 24-year-old Croat would have been a Wimbledon champion by now. That remains his chief ambition, and a distinct possibility judging his fresh approach to the game of

Ivanisevic has advanced to seven ATP Tour finals in nine tournaments this year, winning titles in Zagreb, Duhai. Milan and Rotterdam and producing a greater variety in his play than 650 aces would indicate.

success last year was at the Grand Slam Cup in Munich in December) and his mood seems lighter. For example, Ivanisevic and his coach, Vedran Martic, spent most of the 48-minute rain delay which came to his rescue during the semi-final against Petc Sampras reminiscing about old times at the tennis club in

We were talking about how the kids are very spoiled now."
Ivaniscvic said. "When we were very young we had to renovate the courts. I was staying very far away from the tennis club, and I always had the job of carrying the clay and the garbage. We started to laugh like idiots thinking about that, like I am winning [against Sampras] 6-2,

not losing."
Then there are the serious contests: card games in which he partners his coach against his parents. "We play an Italian game, briscola, and my father is pretty experienced. It is a big battle of pride, and we are losing all the time. There are all sorts of signs which you are not allowed to do in this game; a little cheating, you know. My father doesn't know that we are cheating, but it doesn't help. I don't like to lose

Pity about the pain in the neck, night they beat us pretty badly, and I couldn't sleep."

Martic, 29, is as much a companion as a coach. Promising as a junior, he later played mostly league tennis in Germany, where he was studying. Ivanisevic hired his boyhood friend on a year's contract a few months after losing the services of the Australian, Bob Brett, last October.

Brett, who guided Ivanisevic to Wimbledon finals in 1992 and 1994, having previously enjoyed success with Boris Becker, finally despaired, concluding that his advice was no longer heeded.

"I wanted to win matches so badly, and I couldn't produce anything good on the court." Ivanisevic recounted. "I was losing to anybody, everybody, it was just not there.

'I lost my mind a bit in Milan a couple of weeks His form is brighter this one ago but that was iust for a couple of seconds'

> "We came to Essen, and I lost to [Martin] Sinner and then I lost in the doubles at two in the morning, and Boh said to me: Eight o'clock, practice.' I said: 'I'm not going to practise, because, practise or no practise, I cannot beat anybody. Then be said: 'We're finished.'

> Boh had said so many times [hefore] that we were finished, and after half an hour I would say: 'Sorry, Bob, everything is OK.' But next morning he called me and said he wanted to talk to me, and I went to his room and he showed me a press re-lease be bad written. I was sbocked. I almost got a heart attack. I knew it was over. I didn't want to beg. It was his decision, and probably he was right."

> Ivanisevic contacted Martic at Christmas and invited him to join him in Australia in January. I phoned Bob and asked him what he thought of Vedran becoming my coacb. Bob gave me

"For four and a balf years I was part of Bob's family, and I

still have a good relationship with his kids and his wife, and we talk normally. At Indian Wells I did a little jogging at six in the morning, and I was just coming back from running and Boh was going out to run. Before, I never could imagine me running before Boh. That is something unbelievable."

Ivanisevic finds it helps that Martic speaks the same language and has known him since be was nine years old. "Every-body asks if he is my brotber," Ivanisevic said. "He is my coach, my friend, everything. A lot of coaches are just there because they are paid to be there and, OK, they practise with the guy and say, 'See you tomorrow'. I didn't want a coach like that. I want to be good friends, which I was with Boh and have been

with Vedran for 15 years.
"What's good for me is that
Vedran has put fresh things in
my mind, and suddenly I
clicked. I know I am prohably
going to have some tough times. because it is tough to go on like this. But I realise that the next couple of years could be my best years in tennis.

I have changed my attitude. I am more calm on the court. I lost my mind a little hit in Milan a couple of weeks ago, but that was just for a couple of seconds."

There is evidence, too, that Ivanisevic is liberating shots which have lain dormant behind a serve which has set records for aces that will stand, he says, "for 200 years, until robots come

In particular, be is executing the forehand down the line to good effect. "It is one of the most important shots in tennis, which I used before once every five months.

Of immediate concern is lvanisevic's fitness for a Davis Cup tie in Ukraine, which starts on Friday. After that, his thoughts will turn to the series of clay-court tournaments leading up to the French Open, And then comes Wimbledon.

Ah, yes, Wimhledon. "Wimbledon is another story," he said. "You can't compare any tourwin every match before Wimhledon, and Wimbledon will come and I can lose. But maybe I can reach another final and play the best match of my life."



Presentation remains the missing link

Dave Hadfield, who watched four out of the six games in the opening round of Super League, assesses the impact of a whole new oval ball game

It would not be exaggerating the early. Many came in after the value of the opening performances of Paris St-Germain and London Broncos if their players were to be given medals hefore their match at Charlton

on Thursday night.

Whatever else they might achieve in this and subsequent summer seasons, they got the Stones Super League away to a start that ensured that the first weekend of the new competition would go down as a success.

The fact that both sides won - and that Paris did so hefore a crowd of nearly 18,000 - un-dermined some of the prevailing prejudices against the new shape of the sport. They showed that whatever might he wrong with Super League as a concept, it is not the inclusion of London and Paris.

The atmosphere at the Stade Charlety on Friday night was different from that at any game I have seen in France. The crowd was younger, more cosmopolitan, infinitely more sustained in ts enthusiasm.

Agreed, more than half that crowd had got in by applying for, rather than paying for, tickets. But that is beside the point; the key was to get them there. The attendance at Halifax on the Saturday night was less encouraging, hut London's victory was another unexpected bonus. Teams from the two capital cities which are capable of winning matches against opposition as competent as Sheffield Eagles and Halifax would be a genuinely new and exciting element in the game and many will be willing them to continue their good work.

Unfortunately, there was too much elsewhere that was all too familiar. There were two hopelessly uncompetitive sides -Oldham and Workington Town - incapable of making Wigan and St Helens raise a sweat. Those are the sort of noncontests that Super League is supposed to abolish. No sign of that on the first weekend.

There were mixed signals, as well, from the way in which clubs presented their games. Much emphasis has been put on the importance of pre-match entertainment, but the signs on a chilly March weekend were that nobody in the crowd cared very much about that aspect.

Even in Paris, the presence of "France's top rap hand" attracted few into the stadium start of the main match, in fact. Oldham had a Tina Turner lookalike - an admission of the derivative nature of much of the thinking, if ever there was one - Leeds and Halifax had sky-divers who failed to dive out of the sky. Where it was dark, there were fireworks; where it was light, there were balloons.

Leeds laid on the widest range of pre-match activities. hut their huild-up on the pitch was also the most embarrassing. The non-arrival of the parachutists, a depleted steel hand and a compere whose sole function seemed to be to get up the collective nose made it a squirm-inducing launch.

Even the halloons were reluctant to leave the ground, and when the music and the pom-pom dancers burst into activity for a try that had already heen disallowed the phrase "teething problems" no longer seemed adequate. The contrast with the spectacular way to vinch Auckland Warriors stage their first home match a year ago was total.

Leeds were also an example of how the mood of the first weekend often depended on factors that had nothing to do with Super League or summer rugby. Their spectators are on a downer at the moment, with a dismal Challenge Cup semi-final defeat still fresh in their minds, and they were not in the mood to be jollied along

At Odsal, on the other hand, a rare five-figure crowd was in the mood to be jollied along and a notoriously atmosphere-free round had a different feel to it. But that was not because of the excellence or otherwise of the Muldoon Brothers' country and western. It was because Bradford are going to Wembley and suddenly secm a side worth watching. A wintry weekend was no test of the long-term viability of summer rugby. Perhaps the entertainment will stir the blood more when the weather is

For now, a weekend that may be remembered as the start of a bold, new future or the time when rugby league headed off down a cul-de-sac will be summed up for me by two contrasting images. At Headingley the pitch seemed to have responded to summer rugby by turning overnight into a desert.

And at Odsal it snowed.

A drop kick is the result of enterprise and real skill and should count for more than a penalty

round whose speed is controlled by someone who does not quite understand the mechanism but is doing his best to keep the contraption under some kind of control. In the last year the pace has accelerated alarmingly. Some of the pas-sengers find this exhilarating, others are fearful, others are banging on for dear life, while others again will lose their hold and be flung into the watching crowd, as a few already have been.

Who would have thought that Jonathan Davies would come back to union, even if his return - not entirely through his own fault - has been something of a let-down? Who would have predicted that Wigan would be playing Bath twice in May 1996, once under union rules, once under league?

Though Jeremy Guscott is entitled to do exactly as he too, about ruck and maul. It Though Jeremy Guscott is

pleases, I am sorry he has decided not to participate in these encounters. He is wrong, I think, in regarding them as a piece of showbusiness. They may force rugby to change even more rapidly than it is changing already.

I would expect Wigan to

win the league match easily and Bath to win the union match narrowly. Whatever bappens. questions are going to be asked about various aspects of the

The first is the line-out. Do we need a line-out at all? If we do, is there not a case for legalising lifting, which happens anyway? Wigan may indeed conquer the line-out - they may try to ignore it altogether by throwing over it to the back. They may have short lines on their own throw. We shall all learn something.

ALAN WATKINS

on rugby may be that Wigan will show

defending sides how to cope with the driving or walling maul, which I have long maintained is illegal. It seems that some people are now coming around to my point of view.

won the match against Ire-

League-school values are also different. I should like to see the drop-goal rewarded in relation to the penalty. In 1954, when Denzil Thomas of Neath

land with a drop and was nev-er picked for Wales again, a successful kick was worth the same as a try, three points. Shortly before that, it had been

I would not want to go back to that ratio which, under current values, would make a drop worth seven points. I would not even wish to make it count for as much as a try. But there is a convenient number between three and five. which is four. A drop kick is the result of enterprise and real skill, and should count for more than a penalty.

But there is a wider question. Why should place kicks exist at all? There may be a case for penalising foul or unfair play, such as deliberately killing the hall, with a free pot at goal. There is another school of thought which maintains that guaranteed posses-

adequate recompense for the wronged side.

Now that possession is maintained at the line-out, many teams prefer to go for touch rather than for goal. Similarly, they may opt for a scrum when the offence occurs close to their opponents' line (as Harlequins did against Sale on Saturday) and there is a possibility of seven points rather than a probability of three.

And yet, why should the valuc of a try be increased to seven merely because of a successful kick at goal? Any justification is bound to be historical rather than rational. There is a strong case for aholishing the conversion completely.

This is unlikely to happen during my lifetime. There will almost certainly be a premium on place-kickers - despite the sion, followed by a kiek, developments I have just men-

helpful if the papers published lists of players giving percent-ages of successful kicks at goal besides totals of points. It may be that John Liley of Leicester would still come out top of the first division if the former criterion were adopted in addition to the latter. It would be nice to know, all the same.

I should like to say that I am deeply attached to the scoreboard at the Richmond Athletic Ground. At the top it announces itself, in capitals, as SCOREBOARD, as if it might he mistaken by a careless observer for an inter-continental ballistic missile instead. Underneath, in much smaller letters, it specifies the teams on display. It testifies to the old amateur spirit of rugby football. It could hardly be a sillier construction. Clearly, under the

new regime, it cannot be long

Clarke's hopes lifted

Hopes are rising that Phil Clarke will be able to play again despite breaking his neck, writes Dave Hadfield. The former Wigan and Great Britain loose forward cracked the fourth vertebra in his spinal column in three places while playing for Sydney City Roosters against North Queensland on Saturday. It was feared that his career

was over, but tests have shown that there is no permanent damage. Clarke is hoping to play again before the end of this season, but a comeback next year could be a more realistic target.

His mother and father are with him in Sydney after arriving for a holiday unaware of the injury that had befallen him during their journey. Shaun McRae, the St Helcns

coach, expects to have Paul Newlove available for the Good Friday derby against Wigan. Newlove went off with a suspected broken thumb on Sun-day, but passed an examination yesterday. Simon Booth, how- tem was scrapped in 1973.

ever, is out for at least three weeks with medial ligament damage, putting his Wembley place in some doubt. Derck McVey is under consideration as his replacement against Wigan.

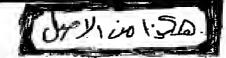
McRae is asking the Rugby League whether four replacements will now be allowed at Wembley, in line with the other rule changes introduced for Super League which will also apply for the final. "As I understand it, all the other new rules will be in use, so I can't see why we should be limited to two substitutes," McRae said.

Wigan are to sign Chris and Phil Farrell, the 15-year-old twin hrothers of their Great Britain loose forward. Andy.

Maurice Lindsay, the European Super League chief executive, hailed the attendances on the first weekend of summer rugby as a triumph. The average of more than 9,000 for the opening matches in the top division was the best since the one division sysBruce still in the

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National plan to push the numbers up

Racing

JOHN COBB

For those that did not manage to find the Grand National winner, the bad news is that it is likely to be even harder next year. With only 27 runners gobecoming the first favourite to win the race for 14 years, Saturday's race presented the best chance for some time for form students to see their calculations

mount at Nottingham yesterday

but made it tell with a victory

on Weet Ees Girl. Surprisingly there was little interest in the fil-

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racecourse concerned that the mule which hars entries officially race attracted the smallest field rated lower than 120 when the for 36 years, are to discuss changes to revamp the race in February. order to make it more com-

Of the 27 horses that took part, only nine carried their coryear. With only 27 runners go-ing to post and a handicap snip rest shouldering 10st even though their abilities justified a less demanding impost.

Possible changes include ensuring that the top weight carries 12st, rather than the 11st 7lb round this year, and altering the

Punters miss out as Dettori rides solo

Frankie Dettori had just one derhill Maiden Stakes and she Girl capitalised after Joint Ven-

14-1 after opening up at 6-1.

ly in the betting for the Cin- to 4-11 from 4-6. But Weet Ees Fitzgerald won on Sorbiere.

4.10 Clifton Set

4.45 Proud Sun

GORNe: Good to run.

Right-hand course with testing uphill finish.

Course is near function of A226 and A330, Railway scatter adjoins the course. ADMUSSION: Members 512 (Junior Members aged 16-26 years, half price); Grandstand
and Paddock 58; Silver Ring 55. CAR PARK: Parking areas number's 1, 2 & 3 & 4, re-

■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: M Pipe = 17 winners from 79 runners gives a success ratio of 21.5% and a profit to a 51 level stake of £16.22; N Twiston-Davies = 16 winners, 97 runners, 16.5%, 4£11.21; D Nicholson = 14 winners, 50 runners, 23.7%, £10.26; O Sherwood = 14 winners, 63 runners, 22.2%, 512.47.

■ LEADING JOCKEYS: J Osborne – 34 wins, 124 rides, 27.4%, +547.71; E Denwoody – 19 wins, 117 rides, 16.2%, 450.11; A Magnite – 17 wins, 96 rides, 17.7%, 420.71; M A Pitagerald – 14 wins, 95 rides, 16.5%, +£12.59, WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

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LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: Deise Marshall (2.301) has been sent 290 miles by J Wade from Mordon, Co Durham; Dreams End (3.351 has been sent 222 miles by P Bowen from Barcefordwest, Dyfed; Taroudant (3.35) & Welburn Bey (5.15) have been sent 221 miles by R Woodbouse from Welburn, North Yorkshire, Hy Old Chan (1.55) acts 207 miles by Anthony Foster from Tideford, Cornwall; Bigh Mind (3.35) sent 205 miles by 86m L C Sid-chill from Colton, North Yorkshire, Boyal Segue (2.30) & Run For Cover (5.15) sent 205 miles by Mrs Nerys Dutlied from Annouth, Devon; Dingle Wood (5.15) acut 183 miles by S Griffiths from Nanagaredig, Dyfed.

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on the most recent occasion and there was pleaty to the december the Cherculan full residence, Foundationerough and Delight have writing form in Irish bumpers and over hurdles in France respectively but have disappointed from a limited number of rurs in this country. Conditions will be very different today than when Major Mora won at Unglish (2m 17), heavy) last morth and this looks a much tougher seal. Morcester bumper winner My Old China will at least have ground conditions in her tayour.

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PORM GUIDE

GO EALLISTIC is not one in whom to have total confidence, but he stands out on the form of his course and distance second to Hell Of Tullion and his soon to Chellenger Du Luc in the Cathcart of Cheltenham. Mick Fitzgerald, who has twice ridden him here, will not be tocking in confidence and can get him home. Foodow was tasked off third behind Golden Somme on his chesing debut at Newbury last month, but he did win a nowice hardle have I'am on faster ground in November and Diver Sherwood has his numers in good form now. Lucky Dollar camput be ruled out even though he has failed to complete in three of his sociation to the second place his experience in solver ground. Capeting Wardler, Who's Next and Jultium might well be better performers on softer ground. Capetinary was bestern a long way into second place by the useful Tryling Again at Wincanton tast time but his chance in fact disappeared when rain softened the ground. This seven-year-old is a different proposition on fast going and will prove hard to best today.

3.05 DAILY TELEGRAPH NOVICE CHASE (HANDICAP) BEC1

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FORM GUIDE

Gerrylough wit have plenty of supporters in her bid for a four-timer, having created a very good impression when working a valuable marker lace at Uncounter last time. Even from a stone higher mark, she still looks to be fairly hundicapped, but INCHCAILLOCH is a Yougher.

stone higher mark, she still looks to be fairly hundicapped, but INCHCAILLOCH is a tougher opponent than she has faced so far and the latter is pretamed on his current form. Jeff King's sever-year-old was rather desapporting after beating Centainly Strong a length at Kempton in November, when Deathry Calla (22to better off) was beaten 22 lengths in that. However, inchcalloch run a blander to be fourth to Ventant Canyon in the Antie and showed it was no fluke When scoring by a distance over this trip at Sandown last week, 6 is true that cursumstances consorred in his layout lost time, with his market maks, notably the moody Harvell Lad. porforming below par, but inchcalloch is well worth the channet under a 8th penalty. Capitalia Khedilve has the beating of my selection on Sandown running behind Centainly Strong in December but, whereas inchcalloch was below his best then, that was something of a peak for Capitain Nivedwe, who has twice felled to complete giane. He has a deal of abidy but until he shows more during a his lender, he remains a risky proposition. Southermpton has fun some good races of sale but may not be good enough in this grade, while it is official to know what to make of Plander Bay, out of form over hundles and making his chasing debut.

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Punters burned their fingers by backing Joint Venture down

won at the rewarding odds of ture lost several lengths when

weights are published in early-

That rating qualification denied a run in this year's race to eight horses, including the subsequent Eider Chase winner, Killeshin.

The idea behind keeping lowly rated horses out of the race is to ensure that the sort of moderate horse that disfigured some previous runnings of the race and that were a danwork out. Now, the British that Young Hustler humped ger to themselves and other competitors, are excluded. That

swerving left at the start.

But at Folkestone odds-on

3.35 CITY NOEX SPREAD SETTING HANDICAP HURDLE ST

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race is a lively medium for bookmakers and punters. Aintree's clerk of the course.

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Beldray Park (Hamilton 3.30) NB: Royal Silver (Ludlow 2.15)

Charles Barnett, defended the rating qualification. "The idea of the ratings was to avoid nohopers running in the race be-

be suited to the course. I would rather have 27 good horses than 40 no-hopers in the race."

Bookmakers William Hill are also looking for changes at Aintree after reporting betting-shop turnover on Grand National day was down by 2%, despite the recent 1% out in bet-

ting duty.
"We believe that part of the reason for the downturn is the continuing influence of the National Lottery," the firm's Ian Spearing said. "While the small-

2.30: CAPENWRAY was a poor second to Thying Again in the mud at Wincenton two weeks ago, but left King's seven-year-old shows his

true ability only on fast ground, which he should get today. The sev-en-year-old can prove too good for.

argument seems rather more cause they would probably be er field, the earliet start of the important than ensuring that the the sort of horses that wouldn't National and the fact that the National and the fact that the BBC screened only three races this year were other contributory factors.

"It was noticeable that potentially one of the best betting. Charlie Brooks-trained Suny races of the day, the Cordon Bleu Handicap Hurdle, was: relegated to the dead end of the meeting instead of receiving prime-time coverage."

The same firm have tried to claw back some of the money they had hoped to see at Aintree by opening betting on Mon-day's Irish Grand National.

3.85: Captain Khedive would be the choice if a clear round could be guaranteed, but his jumping his often cost his supporters dearly. Deathey Calls appreciates a sound surface but faces a tough task against INCB-CAULOCH whose provess over the stiff Sandown fences last time gives him to a fine consensation by

who made ignominious departures at Aintree, are 8-1 and 10-1 chances respectively to gain compensation at Fairyhouse, but the favourite, at 3-1, is the Bay, who had been extremely impressive at Newbury the pr vious week. He, along with other British-trained acceptors in Full Of Oats and Tartan Tyrant, will take part only if they are granted a soft surface. Final declarations for the race, which is to be shown live on Channel 4.

are to be made on Friday. 3.35: Richard Durwoody reported that STAR BAGE was unsuited by the slow early pace when the sin-year-old was a losing favourite at Aintree on Saturday. If today's con-Amires on Samuay, It tony's con-test is more strongly run he will be very land to bear, although the odds look sure to be ungenerous. Dreams End looks the main threat.

prolongs Nicol's Open jinx

Peter Nicol fell foul of his British Open jinx again yesterday when he lost in the first round in Cardiff. The British national champion, who has failed to win a match in four attempts at the event, was beaten 15-13, 15-12, 3-15, 9-15, 15-13 in 96 minutes by Paul

Johnson, the No 7 seed. Nicol was fancied to complete the double of the closed and open British titles but Johnson had other ideas. The world No 27 won on the same court where Nicol had defeated the great Jansher Khan in 1994.

Successive first-match defeats over the previous three vears to Zarak Jahan, Craig Rowland and Julien Bonetat seemed to prey on Nicol's mind from the start. He lacked the incisive and positive approach which normally makes his raiying so forceful. From leading 11-6 in the fifth game, Nicol became so loose and defensive that Johnson was able to force victory in three more hands.

"This is my first win over Peter since he rose into the world top 10, although I used to beat him easily and often as a jumor. Perhaps that was in his mind today," Johnson said.

Johnson got the benefit of a dubious decision at 5-3 in the fifth game, but that was balanced out two rallies later when a burst ball which should have been ruled a let was called as a point to Nicol: It was the replacement ball that helped Johnson to victory, however.

"The new ball was livelier and allowed me to pick up rhythm and pace just as Peter seemed to tire," Johnson said. Johnson will now play Tony Hands, who defeated Ahmed

Barada, the world junior champion from Egypt, 15-11 15-13, 15-9, in 54 minutes. In the women's championship, Cassie Jackman took her revenee against Linda Charman, who had put her out of the National Championship, Jackman now faces Vicki Cardwell.

Open champion, who defeated Meeghan Bell.

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4.30 EAST KEEREDE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5.500 added 1m 3f 25,500 added 1m 3f

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STAR RAGE is being kept aimost as busy over hurdles as he was on the Flat, this being his sidth run in 40 days, but he higs shown how well he holds his form and is fancied to supplement his win in Chettenham's County Hurdle. The str-year-old goes off an 3th higher mark then at the Festivel, but he holds Dresens End, High Mind and Most Equal on their form and was besten just two longths in third of 17 to Stompin at Aintree on Saturday off today's mark. High Mind advertued the County form when finishing second to Sharksahlus at Ayr next time, while Most Equal, who unsented at Chetterham, can do better back off his cornect mark. Flying instruction is a Body denger having come back well from a break since December to score by 10 lengths from Chell-to (winner since) in a Unaveter novice hurdle recently, the goes well on a test surface and is fresher then note. The is much tougher than the Hurthagdon tasfes' rice het Weekshey wan test time and also the Fonkeel roce in which How's it Colm was third to Sophie May. Survez will appreciate underfact conditions and may have benefited from his Falvenham run behind Rol Du Nord.

Selection: STAR RAGE (visored, 6.00). WINNESS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: (2.45) won at Edinburgh on Monday. LONG-DISTANCE BUINNERS: Face It (2.56) has been sent 399 W G M Turner from Conton Denhum, Sommest; Rjumbette Chemnas (4.00) sent 370 miles by M Chemnon from Up-turn, Berkshire. 2.25 SOUTH LANARKSHIRE CLASHING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 edded 1m 1f 38yds 4.10 ALPINE MEADOW HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £7,000 added 3m Penalty Value £5,425 NETYPO: S.1, Telephot Ying, T-2 Prent: The Raine, S-1 Field Of Vieton, T-1. Funit, S-1. Contai Roussia, Francy Roon, 16-1 To Prove A Publi, 18-1 offices 2.55 RUTHERSLEN AUCI III M MANUEL ST METTRIC: 11-8 Panelatte, 2-1 Northway Sail, 5-1 MM End Old, 21-2 Page 3.30 HAMETON HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,800 40841 BELDRAY PARK (#) (#) Max A King 10 0 (7m) Quint 8

- 12 dec Minimum weight: 10st, True handkap weights: Steel Music 9st 10to, Royal Place Sec 9tb, Metal Chinari Sec (St. 1827). Heroton Point, 5-1 Cirion Set, 11-2 Storm Heriti, 6-1 Rentemby Puts, 7-1 Herotong, 8-1 Rentem Best, 12-1 Royal Physic, Stand River, 14-1 Going Aromani, 35-1 offices. 1985; Applicament S 11 S C Liverbyn 6-1 (C Marril 10 Dec. FORM GUIDE HARDING has had to make much of his own running in two novice hundles since winning

at Newbury last month, which has left from there to be shot at, athough it has to be an that he was in front a long way when where, Harding put up a good performance to be a second and the state of th second to Lundod Gerary in a conditionals' handless over two and a hell miles have in Fob-rusry, when he came from off the pees. This does not look as though it is going to be immuch winning and, with the course sure to suit, he can review the return to handlesps a whinking one. Research peeps, pulsed up teshind Great Esseeby at Chaltenham, goes off the same make, as when third to Trainglot in a valuable Sandown read. He wish redely underfloot conditions and reless the main danger, Newton Point else poses a threat following his three-quarter-length second on Level Vocalise at Sandown last month on his finit run a finch is overtice. Royal Piper and Rossins Maio, fifth and sixth respectively, are held. Californ Set-goes well on this ground and is 15th lower than when fifth to the amark Sedun Cash over course and distance in February, Storas North, in mid-division behind brutands at Chel-tenham, accred over course and distance in January but is 5th higher heaving beaten Chop-well Curtains a neck.

4.45 MAHONIA HUNTERS CHASE (CLASS H) £4,000 added 2m 3f 110yds Penalty Value £2,879

SETTING: 9-4 Proud Stm, 6-1 Thoping Tim, 6-1 Pacor's Sty, 7-1 Mr Gollighthy, 8-1 Accord Filing, A Windy Citizen, 14-1 Flath Wars, 10-1 Treat The Gypey, 20-1 others 1996: Synderborough Lad 9 12-3 Mr M Felton 13-8 (S Pine) 10 mm

PROUD SUN, a faller at Kempton on his reappearance, did not jump well at Cheltonium last time, so it was a good effort for him to finish fourth to Elegant Lord, beaten just 13 lengths eithough no match for the first two. The eight-year-old made up into a smart hunter-chaser last season, whining his lost four completed starts. Even ever a trip short of his best, the should prove too good for these rheis. Mr deligatify is another to have some well less season, winning all times of his races. He tax yet to complete this tarm but would be the likely main danger to Proud Sun if he does today. Topping Thar's Compister win from fellow retarant Space Fair and Al Hashmi was over today's trip and he has the ground in his fevour. He should make the trans. Four Rivers disappointed on his Wincarton return, Amari River isoles a recent run and Treat The Gypsy is a 14-year-old now, we best of the others should be A Wilady Citizoni, successful at Leleaster (2m 41) test moreth.

5.15 LRY TREE STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £2,500 added 2m 110yds Penalty Value £2,229

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WARDE ROLD (LIP) Charles March H Houldown 511 8 WALTER'S DREAM (Aus Bonne Barnes) 71 Hernderson 6 11 6 GYPSY BLUES (B) (Airs J V Wildrison) Mis J Williamson 6 11 1 HOCANTELL PA'S K & Blood J Clot 5 11 1 NOSSIALL (29) (Airs T D Phingson) Airs T Priorigen 5 11 1 SMEERIGANNE (Airs Susan Goy) C Woodon 5 11 1 U MOTHER COCKET (25) (The Cocket Clear P Hobbs 4 11 C. O SAPONIES COUNTY (25) (The COUNTY CREE) PRODES 4 11 0.

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WHITE TOSS Windows Specimen' C Egyman 4 11 0.

PRIM FOR COVER (25) (Mss Reys Dubbied Ms P Dubbied 4 10 9.

24 declared —

SETTING: 7-1, Not For Turning, 6-1. Strong Pointin, Malter's Dream, 6-1 The Prose, Made Road, 16-1 Deal Quay, Rocantell, 12-1 Tengales, Win The Tota, 14-1 State Rack, 26-1 others. 1395: Domangon 5 11 8 Mr J Durien 6-5 (0 Sterwood) 7 am FORM GUIDE

Strong Peladin looks likely to improve on a Sandown fifth to Marching Marquis and is the pick of those to have run. However, the chances are that there is a decent newconer in the field and WIN THE TOSS, an lakely a Delight four-year-old with Richard Johnson booled, attracts. Other Shahwood with the race last year and his Not For Turning is to be feared. d. representing Heryletta Kryght and with Jim Culletty up, and Brave Bo

HYPERION 2.15 Faustino 2.45 LAKE OF LOUGHREA (nap) 3.20 Conti D'Estreval 3.50 Nodforms Inferno 4.20 Criminal Record 4.55 Oaldands Word 5.25 GOUNG: Good to Firm.

RUTHERGLEN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

dies course.

Course is NW of town off A49. Ladiow refrany station (Hereford - Skrewsbury line) 2m. ADMISSION: Club L14 (second-nied under-16s free); Tatermils L9; Course &6. CAR FARE: Free.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: None.
LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Lambon (4.20) has been sent 167
rdes by J Pears hum Newmarket, Suffull; Star Of David (2.45)
sent 157 miles by Miles A Embiricos from Newmarket, Suffull;

2.15 BURNARTON NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m ELANCHEAND PRochags 7 11 4 470.422 COURT HAP (139) (3) 8 Moles 4 11 4 ... 30-0500 EL CORDÓNES (28) W Jarto 5 11 4 ... 5015 PRESTIND (13) (3) P Hobbs 4 11 4 ... 253-2P JOSPHUYS WISHON (129) R Lee 5 11 4... NOTICE STATES (76) 7 Route 6 11.4. SELVER SUMME (20) H Char 7 11.4.

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3.20 BUNDY HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D)

SETTING 7-4 Merice Dream, 5-1 Station Margandos, 4-1 Lais Of Longhoon, 12-1 Oliver Dockset, 14-1 Emerical Macqueto, 18-1 others

yer Canacagner on 120s.
BELTHER, 6-1 Buck/riblin, 4-1 Jaconium Entele, 6-1 Philoset, 19-1 De-roteint, hie Charaima, Emission, Charlie Sigüres, 12-1 others 3.50 BUNDY CONDITIONALS NOVICE HCAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,500 2m 5f 110yds

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4.20 SHROPSHIRE STAR SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,800 2m 800045 JAVA SHRENE CLAY J Tuck 6 11 1

- 20 declared -BETTRIC: 5-1 Landson, 6-1 Raized, 8-1 Criminal Re 10-1 Yony's Mart, Painty Buss, Queens Contractor, 3

4.55 CHASE MEREDITH MEMORIAL HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H) £2,500 added 3m

5.25 BOYNE FAMILY MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,500 2m 5f 110yds

Fiona Geaves, the eighth seed, beat Janie Thacker to set up a match against Rebecca Macree, who defeated Donia Leeves.

TODAY'S FIXTURES Football 7.30 unless sta EUROPEAN CUP SEMI-PHALS FEIST LEG Ajax v Panathingilops (6.30)

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Liverpool v Hewartte (8.0)
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Divisions: Brigg v Arrockt Density v Maltby MW:
Hallism v Hartfeld Malc.
PEDERATION RESERVEN MORTHERN LEAGUE Sheleton: Brigg v Arrock; Density v Mastiny MWHasten v Herderich Major.
PEDERATION: SPEEMERY MORTHEREN LEAGUE
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Sunderham (7.15); Genneby v York (7.0);
Lelesster v Blackpool (7.0); Mannester City v
Sunderham (7.0); Mannesde v Huddensled (7.0);
Petenton v Blackpool (7.0); Hannester City v
Welssell (7.0); Rothele v Seartborough (7.0);
Symmetry v Scurthorpe (7.0); Charlesterial v
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AVON BESURMANCE COMMENSATION First Divisions
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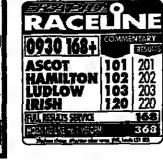
BLDWEISER LEAGUE: Landon v Hemel (9.0); Shaffeld v Doncaster (8.0); Tharnes Valley v Dector

Speedway
PREMER LENGUE Long Emph v Balle Vice (7,30).

Other sports



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FOLKESTONE 2.10: 1. CIRCUS GOLDURS (A P McCoy)

7-2; 2, Monks Solsom 9-4 (av. 3. Who Are | 7-1, 10 can. 3/h, 1/h. U Jerions, Roys-ton), Totas 64-20; £1.10, £1.30, £3.30, DP. £E.50, CSF: £11.68. Trio: £9.70. 2.40: 1. BUCKLAND LAD (B Ferton) 4-1 ter, 2. South's During 10-1; 3. Pair Of Jocks 11: 2. 12 ran. 7, 3. () Gresst, Robertshridge). Totas: £4,40; £1,80, £3.00, £1,70. DF: £21.10, CSF: £43.75, Tricost: £210.11, Tric. £17.50.

3.10: 1. VICOSA (Mr P Hartey) 7-1; 2. The Mine Capital 14-1: 3. Rows En Rose 8-1.

11 res. 3-1 for Ask The Governor (90): 4/2, shr.hd. fit Amer. Beneford Forum). Foto: C.7.00; £1-80. £7-70, £1-10. £7-83-60. CSF: £52-37, Tacest: £744-27, Tre: £159-20. 3.40; 1. ROSBILL (D B)me) 20-1; 2. Mos-9-4 tov Simply (6th). 4c, 5. (Nrs M. Jones, Lambourn). Tota: £24.10; £5.50, £1.90. DF:

4.10: 1. SORBERE (M. A Fingerold, 8-13 M. 2. Rocco 3-1; 2. Jim Bonie 11-1.6 rm. 1/2, dist. (N Henderson, Lambourt). Total £1.50; £1.40, £1.50. DP: £3.10. CSP.

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2.00; 1. ESPERTO (G. Bardeol) 7-1; 2. Balleta Boy 14-1; 3. Radasore Brandy 8-1, 15 cat. 4-1 for Esismo Kles. 44, 24; 0; 19 Pasce, Neumarket, Totas 28-20; 13-10, 22-90, 51-60. Duel Process: 1581-90. Computer Shright Foress: 198.45. Tricse: 2756.22. Trics 2227.70. 2.30: 1. WEST ESS GIFL (I. Dettor) 14-1; 2. Nervous Rex 4-1: 3. Market 19 1; 2. Hervous Rex 4-1; 3. Mejove 16-1. 6 rec. 4-11 fev Johnt Venture (48), 14, 314,

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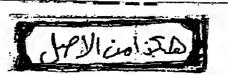
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Thunder, lightning and a flooded track could not spoil a perfect weekend.

Damon Hill recounts the difficulties of racing in the rain

FOOTBALL: Governing body may offer more seats at lower prices as concern grows about empty spaces at FA Cup semi-finals

FA to review ticket policy but not prices

The Football Association. stunned by the sight of thousands of empty seats at its two FA Cup semi-finals on Sunday. last night promised to review the structure and spread of the cost of tickets - but prices will not be cut.

Liverpool's victory over Aston Villa at Old Trafford was watched by 39,072 spectators. 11,000 less than capacity. At Villa Park, where Manchester United overcame Chelsca, the attendance of 38,421 meant that around a thousand tickets went unsold. Ticket prices were the same as in the past two years -£14, £22, £30 and £38, with no concessions for children - but only a small minority of scars were available at the two lower amounts. At Manchester, for example, all but 2.004 scats per club were £30 or more.

The FA's response to criticism of ticket prices for matches under its aegis was to suggest that it was not unhappy with the cost of tickets. "We have no plans to review our prices," an FA spokesman. Steve Double, said. "However, our ticket structure may need to be addressed. It seems we have too many seats in the top band and not enough cheap seats. I can understand Villa supporters staying away as

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Expensive pastime: A £38 ticket for the Villa Park semi

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week before. Liverprool fans obviously didn't want to pay those prices, even though all the seats at Old Trafford afford

Ticket prices for games un-der the aegis of the FA are set by its 14-man Match and Grounds Committee, headed by the Birmingham City chairman Jack Wiseman. Ken Bates (Chelsea), Doug Hammond

The FA Match and Ground Committee

Wiseman, chairman, (Birmmgham City); T Annable (Not-tinghamshire FA); K Bates (Chelsea); B Bright (Kent FA); A Burtridge (Cheshire FA); R Burr (Millwall); D Hammond University): A Odell (Middlesex FA) T Powell (Herefordshire FA); F Rushton (Worcestershire FA): J Ryder (Comwall FA); B Taylor (Bamsley); G Thompson (Sheffield & Hallamshire FA):

(Swansea), Reg Burr (Millwall) and Barry Taylor (Barnsley) are the only other club chairmen, present and past, to sit on

the committee. Popular disquiet over the FA's pricing policy surfaced at the same stage last season, when Manchester United and Crystal Palace supporters were faced with the cost of attending a replay in Birmingham three days after the original semi-fithey had been at Wembley the nal was drawn there. Only

lowest turn-out for a semi-final in more than half a century. The complaints were red-

newed last week when Eng-land's Wembley friendly against Bulgaria, billed as a warm-up for the European Championship fi-

nals this summer, attracted a gate of less than 30,000. For that fixture, ticket prices ranged from £13 up to £45. Halfprice concessions for children were restricted to the 9,773-capacity family enclosure, where adult seats were £16 and £20. Situated in the bottom tier of the stand which houses the Royal Box, the family section offers a less than perfect view.

Ticket arrangements for the FA Cup final, on 11 May, were rA Cup final, on 11 May, were announced yesterday. The cheapest will be £17, with others at £16, £25, £30, £35, £40, £45 and £60. Places in the Olympic gallery will cost £100 and £115. Both clubs are to receive 25,500 tickets, in contrast with the Coca-Cola Cup finalists' altocation of 32,000 each.

"It's a good spread of prices to suit all fans," Double said. "We don't anticipate any empty seats at that game."

In contrast with its English counterpart, the Scottish FA is anticipating a full house of 38,000 at both its Tennents Cup semi-finals. Tickets for both games, which will be played on successive days next weekend, are priced at just £13 and £14.

Meanwhile, several clubs in the Endsleigh League are monitoring the initiative of Huddersfield Town and Blackpool in giving free season tickets to children under 11. "A lot of clubs are watching closely to see how it works," the League spokesman, Chris Hull, said yesterday. "Apart from that, our clubs are running quid-a-kid initiatives all over the country, with children paying only £1 to get into a specified area. The of the future - the next gener-ation of season-ticket holders."



Why the cost outraged supporters

PETER GARRETT Liverpool fan and co-founder of the Football Supporters'

"David Davies from the Football Association was on Radio Merseyside this morning claiming that the ticket prices were the same as last season, and saying that Everton fans were demanding more for their game at Elland Road.

But, if I remember rightly, the vast majority of their tickets then were for £14. The scale of prices may have been the same this time, but I can tell you for a fact that Liverpool received only 424 at £14, which is pathetic, and 1,580 at £22. All the rest, the other 90 per cent, were for the two higher prices, £30 and £38.

live coverage because it's an ex- £16.50 for Wembley the weeking to be interested if the games lowing the Villa to the are played in half-empty stadiums Coca-Cola final and to Old

with no atmosphere. This is the Trafford would've been forking SHEILA SPIERS kind of thing we've been telling the EA for 10 years, but their heads are stuck in the sand.

As for the final, the two clubs are getting a total of 51,000. Where are the other 29,000 going? To local FAs in Cornwall. Kenya and so on. In '89, after Hillsborough, the FA gave Liverpool and Everton 70 per cent of the allocation. We did a survey which showed that touting was reduced by 90 per cent."

DAVE WOODHALL Editor of the Aston Villa fanzine

'Heroes & Villains' The ticket prices for Sunday were obscene. If you take into account the cost of programmes and official club transport -Television is only there doing which Villa put up by £5 to

out as much as £500 in total. Remember it was Villa's first FA semi-final for 36 years. Normally, people would have killed for tickets. But I believe there was a hidden agenda to hike up the prices. In the programme

and the press the cheapest tickets were given as £22. The £14 ones didn't go on general sale. 1 know season-ticket holders who didn't go. I paid £22 for a seat stuck in a corner of the Stretford End, where the view was neither bad nor brilliant, and we stood throughout the match anyway. People started picking the games to miss because of the cost of football.

Now they're picking the ones to go to, and that worries me.
"We handed out red cards on Sunday [published by the FSA] Kelly at the FA in protest at tick-

for the lower prices. "There's a group of about 25 of us who meet before matches for a drink and a chat. This

Liverpool supporter and nation-

"We wrote to the FA before the

semi-finals to say that the prices

were ludicrous, but we've had no reply yet. Their early pub-licity suggested that there would

be 'something to suit everyone's

pockets', hut only 10 per cent of Liverpool's allocation were

al administrator of the FSA

time only four of us were there. Some said it was too expensive, but there's a family of four I know who probably could afford the money but who felt they had hetter things to spend £140 on. The problem goes deeper

than one-off games. Although the Premier League have agreed

eas. The little ones are happy to

go with mum and dad, but some one of 13 going on his or her own has to pay the full price. These are the fans of tomorrow. I'm just worried that the whole middleclass bubble is going to burst.

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VIC MILLWARD

Villa fan of 42 years With prices of up to £38, it's no wonder there were nuge banks of empty seats. Once you saw those it detracted from the occasion. We've staged lots of semi-finals at Villa Park and normally the atmosphere is great

with hardly an inch of space. On Sunday I went for a £22 ticket and five of us went in one car to save money. At Wembley against Leeds it cost me £36 for the match ticket, and if you add £5 for the programme, money for petrol, parking and for they're virtually all in family ar- on it cost me at least £65. Interviews: Phil Shaw

hans are now seen as cash cows to be milked

Football Correspondent

There were nearly 80,000 spec- or the boom will turn to dust. tators roaring on their team during Sunday's FA Cup treated like children, to be seen semi-finals, but the 10,000-plus but not heard - except when creempty seats spoke louder than

any of the filled ones. Enough is enough was their cry. "Our loyalty has been terrace fodder, expected to turn exploited for too long." Now, perhaps, the game will recognise chaic, often dangerous, facilities. that the Football Trust has paid that in its grasping rush towards Even after years of decline and for many of the improvements

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Supporters have long been ating the "atmosphere" so old days they were regarded as up every fortnight despite ar-

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

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tragedy it took government legislation to change that.

Now they are seen as cash cows, to be milked at the gate, at the club megastore, and by superfluous membership schemes. While Manchester United fans complain about admission prices, those of Midbeloved by television. In the bad deshrough and Sunderland is even greedier. Ninety per cent old days they were regarded as protest at season-Ucket only of semi-final Uckets were priced that the Football Trust has paid

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and television was supposed to subsidise the rest - compensation, in part, for the constant switching of fixtures to inconvenient Sunday afternoons and

Monday evenings.
The Foothall Association, freed from even a cursory nod at preserving fan-club relations. entry. The clubs point to better stadiums, fans retort by noting were £3. The wonder is not that were £3. The wonder is not that 10,000 stayed away, it is that so many turned up.

It is no surprise to find the guilty men are the same group that expect fans to pay up to £45 to watch England play friend-lies. Crawl forward the Match and Grounds Committee, a 14-man covey who watch much of their professional football from the comfort of a directors' box, with a half-time buffet, a post-match drink and all for free.

Meanwhile, players' earnings move beyond comprehen-

of the professional game.

They include just five members

directors and chairman are becoming rich through changing club structures, selling shares, or paying themselves vast

salaries as managing directors. They sit, in their panelled board rooms and hray "plenty more where you came from" at complaining fans. Not for ever. there won't be, not if prices continue to rise. And, when the stands are empty, will Berg-kamp, Gullit and Sky still be in-terested?

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scenario came to pass and they fulfilled their ultimate threat of

breaking away from the union.

additional strains within clubs

already apprehensive about how they will finance profes-

sionalism if they are blocked

from taking the lion's share of

TV revenue. "I have never

known a situation where we are

into April and still have no idea

The uncertainty is creating

What do you think about the FA's policies on ticket prices? What are your views on football ticket prices generally?

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Touts facing new crackdown

announced the most severe penalties it has ever imposed on players, officials and fans, after 1995 FA Cup final tickets were sold for up to 35 times their true

Thirty-six names appear on a list published by the FA yesterday - and some have been banned from receiving FA Cup final tickets for up to 20 years. One £17 ticket was sold for what is believed to be a record sum of £640. A £30 seat fetched

The Football Association has £450-a 1,500 per cent mark up. Last year's FA Cup final was the first at which new laws existed to combat the touts. Fines of up to £5,000 were available. The Home Office has yet to publish prosecution and conviction fig-

the new laws have helped but stresses that enforcement is that end up on the black marthe key. Demand for tickets for ket. Tickets for this year's final this year's FA Cup final is like- will remain at the same prices

ly to be intense. as the last two years, ranging "We are sure the police and from £17 to £60.

The FA said that it believes

sport," the FA added. "For the FA's part, by imposing tough penalues, we are seeking to do everything we can. We are still investigating several other cas-es. We will be running our own undercover operation this year to find the source of the tickets

Clubs dismayed by RFU

Rugby Union STEVE BALE

England's leading clubs yesterday responded with dismay to

the less emollient tone suddenly struck by the Rugby Football Union in their continuing debate about how club professionalism - now only five weeks away - is to be organised and controlled. No more meetings have yet

been scheduled between the union and EPRUC, which represents the first two divisions. and the imminence of the end of the RFU's professional moratorium is leading to gathering gloom about the prospects for resolving the situation.

Yesterday EPRUC officials met hat decided against making any statement in response

to Sunday's pointed insistence a position to agree a TV deal by Cliff Brittle, chairman of the there and then if the doomsday RFU executive, that "the soul of rugby is not for sale". Many of the major clubs regard Brittle, with his grass-roots constituency, as a prime obstacle to a settlement. All bar one of the top 20 had

boycotted an RFU meeting at Twickenham that was finally attended only by members of the Third and Fourth Divisions plus London Scottish. The boycotters were then taken aback about our fixture list for next when Tony Hallett, the RFU season," one First Division club secretary, insisted that television companies would negotiate only with the union.

In fact the clubs have been in contact with broadcasters fer to join Bath, the English throughout the months of their protracted talks with the RFU an eventual successor to Graand would anticipate being in ham Dawe.

officer said yesterday.

Garin Jenkins, the Wales reserve hooker, said yesterday that he was considering an of-

league leaders, from Swansca as

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